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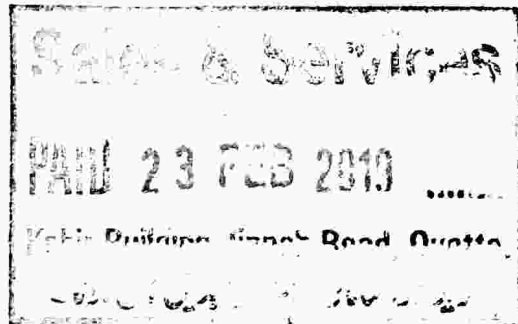
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STRONG VOCABULARY IN TODAY'S WORLD

"Men suppose their reason has command over their words; still it happens that words in return exercise authority on reason."

—Francis Bacon

Thoughts remain cluttered until expressed in some form of language. We have to write, speak or act our thoughts; otherwise they will remain obscure, befuddled and in a half-torpid form. Our feelings must come out to others or they will be as clouds, which, till they descend in rain, will never bring up fruit or flower. So, it's all about the inward feelings; expression gives them development, thought is the blossom; language the sprout and action the fruit of it.

In addition to your physical appearance and the way you carry yourself, others will appraise you exclusively on the basis of the words that come out of your mouth. Even if you are considered a genius in any field, a poor vocabulary will send across a message that you are not savvy or very intelligent. This is the age of competition. In today's world, if one is to enter into the auspicious professional world and make a promising and illustrious career, an extensive knowledge of the exact meanings of English words is imperative.

Today's frontier is knowledge and brain has taken priority over brawn; our physical struggle had been replaced by intellectual struggle and knowledge of words has become the most valuable tool. The more enriched and expressive vocabulary we possess, the more efficient are these tools of thought. With a wide and sound vocabulary, we can grasp the thoughts of others and be able to communicate our own thoughts to them.

Many philological researches authenticate the relationship between a large, precise knowledge of English words and achievements in their career as well as life. Worldly success, earnings and management status are correlated with vocabulary. While on the other hand, limited and poor vocabulary is the factor that holds men and women back from achieving the position which their aptitudes showed they should have gained.

In the contemporary world, small vocabulary is a serious handicap for any individual. Ambitious and energetic persons can push ahead in their jobs but then they reach a plateau caused by low vocabulary. Although, high aptitudes enable us to forge ahead yet world doesn't see our aptitudes, but it pays for knowledge that is seen in the communication.

THE IMPORTANCE OF LEARNING A SECOND LANGUAGE

Learning a second language can be paradoxical as this endeavour requires much time, patience and meticulous practice. Having command over a second language can bring about a better understanding of heterogeneous cultures, open job opportunities; help with academic success, make travelling easier and help people communicate with others. As a recent BBC documentary elaborated that a foreign language can take the learners out of the comfort zone and allow them to experience different cultures; also it has been reported that learning a second language gives the brain more stimulation.

Learning a foreign language may be difficult but with time and incessant practice, a student can become very efficient. Mastering the skill is the hardest part, using it is easy. Not too many people speak a foreign language fluently because they just don't have the time to learn. They fail to realise that they can truly benefit from speaking a second language. First it stimulates the brain; then can open up job opportunities and help in academic success. Most importantly, the learner becomes aware of the different cultures around us everyday.

To grab the ever-increasing opportunities of a better future in any part of the world especially English-speaking countries, this book will be the beacon light. This is especially designed for those who want to learn English as a second language. This is the plethoric source of the words and every word will be a rung of your ladder to reach your desired goal.

HIGH FREQUENCY WORDS FOR IELTS, GRE, GMAT, SAT, TOEIC, TOEFL & OTHER EXAMS

When considering colleges and universities to apply for, you also need to consider various entrance exams like IELTS, GRE, TOEIC, TOEFL, GMAT, SAT, etc. to gain entry into these colleges and universities. These tests are designed to assess the language ability of the candidates who need to study or work in the countries where English is the primary language of communication.

It is never too late to start preparing for them. For this purpose, mere superficial knowledge of the meanings is not sufficient to score. The tests are designed in such a way that you will have to have complete knowledge about the meanings, the synonyms, antonyms and the usage of the vocabulary as you shall be tested for antonyms, analogies, etc. Hence it is not enough to know the meanings only but you must also know how to use the words. So, a sound knowledge of the English language along with a strong vocabulary is of utmost importance for success in these tests.

This enlightening vocabulary book is not only comprehensive but also very important as far as scoring aspect is concerned. This will enable you to brush up on your skills in vocabulary. The words have been incorporated with their meanings in Urdu along with antonyms and synonyms. Moreover, the correct usage is also provided to make you easily grasp the words and their meanings. This book will help you to make these beautiful and precious words an asset of your own.

NEED FOR A SOUND VOCABULARY

Our electronic age has given rise to an explosion in language that has had a direct effect on all of us: Thanks to the multitude of new and improved forms of communication, we are being showered with words.

English language is as restless as the sea. Old words die off, others acquire additional meanings and it's becoming speedier. The tendency is for older words to become shorter, visually more to the point. The lollygagging, sesquipedalian words of the past are being simplified for action.

The English language has never been on a leash. It has been free to roam and pick and bring home friends from all over the world. These new words are coming into your life from science, technology, different nations and cultures.

The more you master words, the more control you have over your communication. You're not as apt to be bamboozled by the ridiculous jargon too often found in academic and bureaucratic writing and speaking. You're in a healthier position to understand and evaluate what you read and hear. You'll be more comfortable in meetings and find it easier to speak, for you'll have a good grasp of what's happening and the words you need to make yourself clear.

A well-founded vocabulary is similar to having a sizable bank account. It's your passbook to a better self-expression of your personality. So, this book will be a helpful guide, for it combines informative words with Urdu meanings, synonyms, antonyms and example sentences.

TWO WORDS TO AVOID, TWO TO REMEMBER

Though every language is important, English is nevertheless considered as the global language of communication. People with different mother tongues communicate in verbal and written English. People use it in commercial transactions, entertainment, tourism and travel, and science and technology. That is why we need to learn how to improve English skills.

In order to keep up with the rest of the world, a lot of non-native English speakers feel that learning to speak in English has become vital. Students of the language can enhance their writing and

speaking skills by practicing several entertaining techniques without the need to live in an English-speaking country.

Thus vocabulary learning is a key part of education. Vocabulary can be built chiefly by two methods: reading and formal vocabulary drill and practice. Obviously, reading is an exercise that has its own rewards and many students are motivated to enjoy it as a pastime.

English has thousands of words. To have a "good vocabulary size", however, does not mean that you have to learn thousands and thousands of single words. In fact, most native speakers know only a small number of all the English words. However, they can almost always get their points across effectively.

This book is aimed at providing the readers with a lot of words from the beautiful and versatile English language. Each and every word of it will be a precious addition to your vocabulary and you will feel more confident after you have completed this book.

IMPORTANCE OF VOCABULARY IN CSS, PMS, & OTHER COMPETITIVE EXAMS

While appearing for competitive exams, good vocabulary will prove to be a double-edged tool. If you develop proficiency in the usage of the vocabulary, then you will not only be equipped to handle English language tests with ease, but it will also enable you to present the other subjects with clarity.

Competitive exams like CSS, PMS, PCS, Judiciary are conducted by various departments or the Public Service Commissions. Since most of the subjects included in the syllabi of these exams are in English, so it becomes imperative for the candidates to be skilful in usage of English language. A lot of students read words and without clearly understanding the meanings, often use them on the wrong place. This creates bad impression on the examiner and he is convinced that the guy hasn't command over the language. This negative impression results many a times in failure. Thus, it is necessary that you use a word where it fits best.

This book is compiled especially keeping in view this scenario. Urdu meanings, synonyms, antonyms and example sentences will make you completely understand the sense and correct usage of the words.

VOCABULARY PRACTICE TIPS

English language can be mastered by practicing and implementing some rules. Vocabulary can be enhanced only by continued practice and implementation of the words in real life scenario. Many people often complain of not being able to retain or commit words into memory. This generally happens due to huge collection of words which are to be committed into memory. Learnt

either during general conversation or writing. Vocabulary, when implemented in real life situations, gives good understanding of the word in appropriate context.

For improving vocabulary one needs to understand the context in which the word would be used. Learning the meanings, context, spellings, pronunciation, etc. gives you a perfect understanding of the word.

There are four main pillars of English language: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. Listening sessions can be practiced by listening to English radio channels, TV news, documentaries, etc. Speaking can be practiced by standing in front of the mirror. When speaking in front of the mirror, be sure that you are not distracted.

Reading can be practiced by reading journals, newspapers, magazines, etc. While in reading session make sure that you read out the passages loudly initially. While reading loudly you will know the various obstacles you are facing and also appropriate pronunciation of the word.

Writing is another important part of English Language. It can be practiced in various different ways such as writing short stories, expressing ideas, emotions, etc. Use the words which you have learnt in real time application which can improve your word retention capability.

HOW TO READ THIS BOOK

Don't try to read this book in a single sitting. You'll learn much more if you tackle it a little at a time. You may feel comfortable with a number of words already. You don't need to spend much time on these, but be certain that you really do know a word, and you think you do, before you skip ahead. Some of the most embarrassing vocabulary blunders occur when we boldly misuse words we felt certain we understood.

The words in this book are arranged alphabetically with Urdu meanings, synonyms, antonyms and example sentences. If you're trying to build your vocabulary in preparation for a test, you should set a schedule for yourself and work methodically from beginning to end. If you're simply trying to improve your vocabulary, you may find it more interesting to dip into the text at random. You can also use the book as a companion to your dictionary to help you zero in on the meanings of new words you've encountered in your reading or in conversation.

If you're like most people, you'll want to learn words as efficiently and as rapidly as possible. The list of words along with meanings, that forms the main portion of this book, will provide a foundation on which you can build your own educated vocabulary.

The words included are somewhat difficult, however, they appear quite frequently. Even otherwise, they are just important for you to know.

When you have finished this book, you will have a working vocabulary better than that of most students even of those having English background. But don't stop here. Continue to expand your vocabulary by mastering the new words you encounter.

Start and enjoy reading.

Best of Luck!

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- **Abashed** (*adj.*) (شرمندہ، شرمندہ) Embarrassed or uncomfortable in others' presence
Synonyms: Confound, Ashamed, Discomfited
Antonyms: Unabashed, Blatant, Unashamed
The new student was visibly abashed when the teacher scolded him in front of the class for reaching late.
- **Abate** (*v*) (شدت میں کمی آنا، صیقل پانا) Subside or Moderate, Lessen
Synonyms: Diminish, Halt, Decline
Antonyms: Enhance, Foster, Augment
Ever since the owners of this TV show changed its anchorperson, viewers' interest in the show has considerably abated.
- **Aberrant** (*adj.*) (غلاف معمول، معاشرتی طور پر ناقابل قبول) 1. Straying from moral standard; 2. Diverging from normal type
Synonyms: Devious, Divergent
Antonyms: Steadfast, Persistent
His aberrant behaviour at the party can only be ascribed to his over-indulgence in alcohol.
- **Abet** (*v*) (آکسانا، غلط کام میں مدد کرنا) Incite or support, Encourage (*usually: an offender or the commission of an offence*)
Synonyms: Uphold, Advocate, Back, Condone, Egg on
Antonyms: Frustrate, Block, Hinder, Hurt, Impede
The judge ruled Waqas guilty of aiding and abetting the main accused in the bank-robbery case.
- **Abeysance** (*n*) (تعلل، عارضی موقوفی) Suspended action
Synonyms: Interlude, Cessation
Antonyms: Continuance
Chairman asked whether this matter could be held in abeyance for the time being, Council agreed.
- **Abject** (*adj.*) (بد حال، خستہ، خراب) Sunk to a low condition, Degraded
Synonyms: Disgusting, Squalid, Contemptible
Antonyms: Commendable, Exalted, Excellent
Within a space of five years, Ali's family was transformed from a state of plentiful extravagance to one of abject poverty.
- **Abjure** (*v*) (دست برداری کا عہد کرنا یا علف اٹھانا) To deny, To abandon one's claim or right
Synonyms: Disavow, Renounce
Antonyms: Espouse, Support
Jamil has legally abjured himself from his father's wealth, saying that he is not interested in inheriting money that is earned unscrupulously.
- **Abnegation** (*n*) (نفس کشی، دست برداری) Lack of concern for one's own wishes
Synonyms: Abjure, Disavow, Eschewal
Antonyms: Admittance, Surrender

According to some religious preachers, self-abnegation is the only route to a state of unlimited happiness.

- **Abolish (v)** (سرکاری طور پر کسی قانون، نظام یا ادارے کو ختم کرنا) Cancel, Put an end to
Synonyms: Obliterate, Purge
Antonyms: Enforce, Foster
Abraham Lincoln was instrumental in the abolition of slavery in the United States.
- **Abominable (adj.)** (قابل نفرت، گھناؤنا) Very bad or unpleasant, Deserving hate
Synonyms: Detestable, Repugnant, Odious,
Antonyms: Alluring, Appealing, Delightful
I'm never going to that restaurant again, the food there is abominable.
- **Aboriginal (adj.)** (کسی علاقے کے ابتدائی آبادکار) Being the first or the earliest of its kind in a region
Synonyms: Primitive, Native
Antonyms: Foreigner, Alien
American governments have been accused of mistreating aboriginal people for centuries.
- **Abridge (v)** (خلاصہ کرنا، مختصر کرنا) Condense or shorten
Synonyms: Compact, Summarise,
Antonyms: Add, Enlarge, Expand
This abridged version of Crime and Punishment is actually more engrossing than the complete version, and also quite well-written.
- **Abrogate (v)** (سرکاری طور پر کسی قانون یا معاہدے کو ختم کرنا) Abolish, Do away with
Synonyms: Revoke, Rescind, Repeal
Antonyms: Enact, Institute
By abrogating the ban, the government has conceded to a long standing demand of the Association of Exporters.
- **Abseil (n & v)** (کوہ پٹائی، کوہ پٹائی کرنا) (Make) descend by using a rope fixed at higher point
Synonyms: Descend, Fall, Come down
Antonyms: Climb
The only way to escape from the fortress was to abseil down from the steep cliff, a task which was almost impossible.
- **Absolve (v)** (بری الذمہ کرنا، گناہ معاف کرنا) Pardon (an offence)
Synonyms: Exculpate, Exonerate
Antonyms: Execute, Condemn
The Culprit was absolved from all charges.
- **Abstain (v)** (اجتناب کرنا) Refrain, Withhold from participation
Synonyms: Refrain, Abandon
Antonyms: Indulge, Pamper
The opposition party has decided to abstain from participating in the parliamentary proceedings.
- **Abstemious (adj.)** (کھانے پینے میں اعتدال پسند) Sparing in eating and drinking
Synonyms: Abstinent, Temperate, Moderate
Antonyms: Gluttonous, Greedy, Hungry

He's known for his abstemious habits; you cannot persuade him to eat more than what he wishes.

- **Abstinence (n)** (تقیات سے اجتناب) Restraint from eating or drinking
Synonyms: Abstemiousness, Sobriety, Temperance
Antonyms: Drunkenness, Excess, Indulgence
The month of Ramadan is a period of abstinence for Muslims, during which they are allowed to eat just one frugal meal in a day.
- **Abstract (adj.)** (تجربہ ناپ، غیر حسی) Theoretical, Not concrete
Synonyms: Transcendent, Obscure
Antonyms: Clear, Concrete
It was a rather abstract discussion on the problem of adolescent crime, without much reference to actual cases.
- **Abstruse (adj.)** (سمجھنے میں دشوار) Difficult to comprehend
Synonyms: Recondite, Intricate, Obscure, Perplexing
Antonyms: Obvious, Lucid, Plain, Simple
The professor's lectures were so abstruse that students tended to avoid them.
- **Abut (v)** (زمین یا عمارت کا ملحق یا متصل ہونا) 1. To touch or join at the border or side, 2. Have a common boundary
Synonyms: Fringe, Adjoin, Border on
Antonyms: Be inside, Centre
The reason for the animosity between two farmers was that their fields did not have a clearly defined boundary and abutted on each other.
- **Acaudal (adj.)** (بے دم) Having no visible stem
Synonyms: Tailless
Antonyms: Caudal
A species of acaudal monkeys has been sighted on a remote island in the Pacific, and the absence of a tail has surprised many a zoologist.
- **Accede (v)** (تسلیم کرنا، قبول کرنا) 1. Agree to a plan or suggestion 2. To take a high post or position after someone has left it
Synonyms: Acquiesce, Assent
Antonyms: Disagree, Reject
After much persuasion, the teacher finally acceded to our request for letting off the class a little early.
- **Accessible (adj.)** (آسان، جس تک پہنچ آسان ہو) Easy to approach; Obtainable, Reachable
Synonyms: Available, Susceptible, Unrestricted,
Antonyms: Inaccessible, Limited, Restricted
Because of its rough shoreline from all sides, the island was accessible only by a small row boat.
- **Accessory (n & adj.)** (اضافی اشیاء، ادھاری چیزیں، لوازمات) Additional object, useful but not essential
Synonyms: Auxiliary, Subsidiary, Confederate
Antonyms: Main, Core, Focal
The car was shorn of all accessories and was a very basic model.

- **Acclaim** (v & n) (آزین کہنا، بلند آواز سے اعلانِ تحسین کرنا) Applaud, Announce with great approval
Synonyms: Applaud, Commend
Antonyms: Execrate, Billingsgate, Boo
 The loud acclaim by the audience helped settle my nerves.
- **Acclimatise** (v) (ماحول کے مطابق ڈھال لینا) Adjust to climate or environment; Adapt
Synonyms: Accustom, Conform, Adapt
Antonyms: Derange, Disorder, Disorganise
 They lived in London for three years but never really got acclimatised to the cold and gloomy weather.
- **Acclivity** (n) (چڑھائی) Sharp upward slope
Synonyms: Ascent
Antonyms: Declivity
 The acclivity of this hill provides an ideal testing ground for budding mountaineers.
- **Accomplice** (n) (شریکِ جرم) Partner in crime
Synonyms: Cohort, Conspirator
Antonyms: Opposite, Resistant
 The police concluded that the murder could not have been committed without the help of at least once accomplice.
- **Accost** (v) (پہلے ہی تکلم کرنا) Approach and speak first to a person
Synonyms: Solicit, Confront
Antonyms: Avoid, Neglect, Scorn
 A sinister looking man accosted me in the dark street and asked for money.
- **Accoutrements** (n) (لوازمات) A soldier's equipment, other than clothing or weaponry
Synonyms: Tools, Utensils, Apparatus
 At these high altitudes, an oxygen cylinder is an essential part of every soldier's accoutrements.
- **Accrue** (v) (بڑھنا، جمع ہونا یا حاصل ہونا) To increase by addition. Also, to come as a gain or an additional advantage.
Synonyms: Amass, Gather, Grow
Antonyms: Dwindle, Squander, Decrease,
 1. The interest on this bank account has accrued to an amount greater than the principal.
 2. Many benefits accrue to the society from free medical services provided by this organisation.
- **Acephalous** (adj.) (سر کے بغیر، قائد کے بغیر) 1. Lacking a head or having the head reduced, 2. Without a leader
Synonyms: Headless
Antonyms: Headed
 With the sudden demise of its leader Benazir Bhutto, Pakistan People's Party was rendered acephalous and directionless.

- **Acerbity** (n) (درد منشی یا شدت) Harshness or bitterness of speech, manner, temper etc.
Synonyms: Tartness, Astringency, sourness
Antonyms: Sweetness, Mellowness, Mildness
 The acerbity in her speech can put off almost anyone; she urgently needs to tone down the harsh words she uses.
- **Acidulous** (adj.) (کڑوا سیلا، قدرے ترش کی قدر تیزابیت دار) Slightly sour; sharp, caustic
Synonyms: Rancid, Piquant, Tart
Antonyms: Sugary, Sweet
 The apples grown in this area are particularly acidulous, perhaps because of the presence of a small amount of hydrochloric acid in the soil of this region.
- **Acme** (n) (چوٹی، بلند ترین مقام) The top or highest point
Synonyms: Pinnacle, Zenith
Antonyms: Nadir, Anticlimax
 Just when everyone thought that he had reached the acme of perfection in the game of chess, he was outplayed by an unknown player.
- **Acolyte** (n) (غلام، حضورِ ہاش) An attendant or follower. Specifically, a person in the church who helps a priest to perform religious ceremonies.
Synonyms: Devotee, Enthusiast, Fan,
Antonyms: Leader, Critic, Opponent
 The acolytes of the religious leader were gathered in large numbers at the airport to welcome him.
- **Acoustics** (n) (آؤڈیو میں سماعت پذیری کا صحیح آواز آنے کا باعث بننے والے خواص) Science of sound or quality that makes a room easy or hard to hear in
 The acoustics of this theatre are so good that you do not need any electronic microphones to hear the smallest of sounds of an orchestra.
- **Acquiesce** (v) (ملا چوم دینا یا مان لینا) Assent, Agree passively
Synonyms: Concur, Assent
Antonyms: Rebel, Oppose, Carp
 It is true that silence does not necessarily mean acquiescence.
- **Acquittal** (n) (بریت، رہائی) Deliverance from a charge
Synonyms: Exoneration, Amnesty
Antonyms: Conviction, Vindication
 The defendant was ecstatic after he learned of his acquittal.
- **Acrid** (adj.) (تیز و تپ، دانتے یا بولشیز) Sharp, Bitterly pungent
Synonyms: Caustic, Mordant
Antonyms: Sweet, Kind
 A distinct, acrid smell of burning rubber filled the air, but no one could tell where it was coming from.
- **Acrimonious** (adj.) (کڑخت، طعن آمیز) Stinging, caustic
Synonyms: Mordant, Sarcastic, Scornful, Scathing
Antonyms: Harmonious, Diplomatic, Kind
 He let out a string of acrimonious remarks about the old man, when he was told that his name did not figure in the old man's will.

- **Actuarial** (adj.) (حساب کتاب سے متعلق) Calculating, Pertaining to insurance statistics
He has a degree in Actuarial studies and is hence seeking an employment in insurance and finance companies.
- **Actuate** (v) (دروغہ عمل کرنا) To activate, Put into action, Motivate
Synonyms: Propel, Impel
Antonyms: Discourage, Prevent
His efforts at making the business run are actuated by an ambition which borders on greed.
- **Acuity** (n) (تیز بینی) Sharpness
Synonyms: Cleverness, Smartness, Wit
Antonyms: Inability, Ineptness, Obtuseness
Her acuity of mind at the age of eighty is simply amazing; she can recall what many people of fifty would tend to forget.
- **Acute** (adj.) (ذکی، افس، شدید) Quickly perceptive, brief and severe
Synonyms: Intense, Penetrating, Perspicacious
Antonyms: Imperceptive, Numb, Obtuse
Dogs are known for having an acute sense of smell.
- **Ad Valorem** (adverb & adj.) (مال کی قیمت کے مطابق) According to the value, in proportion to the estimated value of goods
Synonyms: To the tune of
Antonyms: Inappropriately, Unsuitably
The finance ministry has decided to charge a 2 percent ad valorem duty on the goods produced in the newly developed industrial township.
- **Adage** (n) (ضرب المثل، کہاوت) Wise saying, proverb
Synonyms: Apothegm, Axiom, Dictum
Antonyms: Apothegm, Axiom, Byword, Dictum
He believed in the old adage that a family that prays together stays together.
- **Adamant** (adj.) (بے لچک، صمدی) Inflexible, unyielding
Synonyms: Unyielding, Inflexible, Rigid
Antonyms: Flexible, Docile, Yielding, Compliant
I tried to persuade her to accompany me to the store, but she was adamant on staying at home and watching television.
- **Adapt** (v) (موزوں بنانا، حالات کے مطابق ڈھالنا) To become suitable for different conditions, To change according to the situation
Synonyms: Conform, Acclimatise
Antonyms: Dispel, Oppose, Disarrange
Try as he might, he could not adapt to the idea of having a woman as his boss.
- **Addendum** (n) (ضمیمہ) Addition, Appendix to book
Synonyms: Augmentation, Codicil
Antonyms: Detriment, Lessening, Subtraction
The script of the documentary mentioned in chapter 2 of the report is given as an addendum to this report.
- **Addiction** (n) (عادت، عمارت، عادت) Compulsive, habitual need
Synonyms: Obsession, Infatuation, Craving,
Antonyms: Difference, Divergence,
Addiction to the Internet is proving to be a problem for parents of many children in Pakistan.
- **Addle** (v & adj.) (ذہن خراب کرنا، گڑبگڑ کرنا) 1. Muddle, drive crazy, become rotten, 2. Empty, muddled, unsound
Synonyms: Perturb, Fluster
Antonyms: Soothe, Pacify, Appease
Working continuously for fifteen hours a day for months on end can addle the brains of the sharpest individual.
- **Adduce** (v) (مثال، ثبوت یا وضاحت بیان کرنا) To give an example, proof, or explanation
Synonyms: Cite, Illustrate
Antonyms: Hide, Obscure
He had worked so hard; I cannot adduce any reason for his failure.
- **Adept** (adj. & n) (کسی فن میں پوری طرح ماہر یا دسترس رکھنے والا) Expert or thoroughly skilled
Synonyms: Proficient, Accomplished, Virtuoso
Antonyms: Tyro, Apprentice, Novice, Naive
You do not need an MBA degree to be adept at the art of selling if you have the ability to persuade people.
- **Adhere** (v) (قائم رہنا، سختی سے عمل کرنا) Stick, To continue to follow or remain loyal to
Synonyms: Cohere, Join, Cleave
Antonyms: Detach, Disjoin, Not Conform
The doctor has advised him to strictly adhere to the prescribed regimen; otherwise there is a danger of relapse of the illness.
- **Adjunct** (n) (کسی بڑی یا زیادہ اہم چیز کے ساتھ وابستہ اضافی چیز) Thing that is subordinate or incidental to another
Synonyms: Affiliate, Appendage, Auxiliary
Antonyms: Detriment, Lessening, Subtraction
My idea was considered by the company director as an adjunct to the main proposal.
- **Adjuration** (n) (مسدق دلائل، تائب) An earnest appeal, entreaty
Synonyms: Proposition, Recourse, Requisition
Antonyms: Refusal, Retraction, Revocation
His most sincere adjurations to the teacher to let him retake the examination fell on deaf ears.
- **Adjutant** (n) (کمانڈنگ آفیسر کا نائب) Staff officer assisting the commander (usu. in the army), Assistant
Synonyms: Confederate, Auxiliary, Helper
Antonyms: Boss, Leader, Superior
The adjutant of this army unit is a strict disciplinarian.
- **Ad-lib** (adj. & v) (مدا یا پابندی کے بغیر فی البدیہہ تقریر) 1. Freely, without restraint, 2. Speak without preparation
Synonyms: Extemporaneous, Spontaneous, Unrehearsed
Antonyms: Deliberate, Planned, Rehearsed

At the ETOS chain of restaurants, you pay a fixed price for a meal and can eat ad-lib.

- **Admonish (v)** (نہی سے مردنی کرنا، نصیحت کرنا) To warn (gently but firmly), to exhort, to reprove
Synonyms: Exhort, Reprimand, Castigate
Antonyms: Applaud, Approve, Commend
The salesperson was gently admonished by the customer for not knowing the specifications of the product well enough.
- **Adroit (adj.)** (فہم، ہنرمند، مہارت، ہنر مند) Highly skilled in the use of hands or in the exercise of mental faculties
Synonyms: Deft, Dexterous, Ingenious
Antonyms: Awkward, Clumsy, Stupid
The seasoned politician was adroit at the art of turning social occasions to his political advantage.
- **Adulterate (v & adj.)** (ملاوٹ کرنا) Make impure by mixing with baser substances
Synonyms: Amalgamate, Integrate, Mingle
Antonyms: Purify, Decontaminate, Sublimate
The widespread adulteration of cement by unscrupulous traders has proved to be a menace for the construction industry in this state.
- **Adumbrate (v)** (کسی چیز کی ہلکی سی جھلک دکھانا یا مختصر سا خاکہ بنانا) To give a sketchy representation of, to foreshadow a coming event vaguely
Synonyms: Obfuscate, Portend, Sketch
Antonyms: Apparent, Clear, Explicit
On the first day of class, Professor Smiley decided to adumbrate the course.
- **Advent (n)** (کسی اہم شخص یا چیز کی آمد) Arrival of important person or thing
Synonyms: Ingress, Occurrence, Visitation
Antonyms: Departure, End
The advent of e-mail has severely impacted the postal industry all over the world.
- **Adventitious (adj.)** (عارضی، اتفاقی) Accidental, casual, happening by chance
Synonyms: Fortuitous, Contingent
Antonyms: Planned, Well-thought
In a most adventitious occurrence, the arrival of his baby coincided with his getting a new job that paid him almost twice as before.
- **Adversary (n)** (دشمن، مخالف) Opponent, enemy
Synonyms: Antagonist, Competitor
Antonyms: Supporter, Auxiliary
The thought of watching the old adversaries fight it out in the boxing ring pulled a huge crowd to the stadium.
- **Adverse (adj.)** (ناموافق، برعکاس) Unfavourable, Hostile
Synonyms: Antipathetic
The story of the ill-treatment of a former employee by the company director led to a lot of adverse publicity for the company.

- **Advocate (v & n)** (دکالت کرنا، دیکل) 1. Urge, plead for, 2. Support, 3. One who pleads for another.
Synonyms: Patron
1. The noted economist in his speech to the cabinet strongly advocated a reduction in agricultural subsidies.
2. Mr. Aitzaz is a staunch advocate for prison reforms.
- **Aegis (n)** (پناہ، سرپوشی) Protection, Patronage or sponsorship
Synonyms: Auspices, Patronage
Antonyms: Opposition, Criticism
They planned to hold the concert under the aegis of the National Development Authority.
- **Aesthetic (adj. & n)** (جمال پاتی) 1. Artistic, dealing with or capable of appreciating the beautiful, 2. Set of principles of good taste and appreciation of beauty
Synonyms: Elegant, Graceful, Artistic
Antonyms: Philistine
Though the building has been aesthetically designed, and is very pleasing to look at, it is not very practical.
- **Affable (adj.)** (خوش اخلاق، پرہیزگار) Easy to approach and converse with, Courteous
Synonyms: Obliging, Considerate
Antonyms: Rude, Offensive
Because of his affable and helpful nature, Imran soon became very popular in the organisation.
- **Affectation (n)** (منوئی اخلاق، بناوٹ) Artificial display, usually of behaviour
Synonyms: Pretence, Exaggeration
Antonyms: Understatement, Sarcasm
It was not difficult to see through her affected smile and make out that she was hiding a lot of pain and discomfort.
- **Affidavit (n)** (حلف نامہ) Written statement under oath
Synonyms: Authentication
The accused has sworn in an affidavit to the court that he did not even know the victim, let alone shared an apartment with him.
- **Affiliation (n)** (تعلق، الحاق) Joining, associating with (persons as members, societies as branches)
Synonyms: Alliance, Confederation
Antonyms: Dissociation, Indifference
The fast growth of the company was in large measure because of its affiliations with several flourishing companies.
- **Affinity (n)** (رشتہ، رشتہ) 1. Tendency of (thing or person) to be attracted towards something, 2. Kinship
Synonyms: Alliance
Antonyms: Aversion
He feels a strong affinity for her but is too shy to disclose it.

- **Affirmation (n)** (دَیْق، تَصْدِیق) Positive assertion, confirmation, solemn pledge by one who refuses to take an oath
Synonyms: Avowal
Antonyms: Negation
He has sent a written affirmation that he would attend the party.
- **Affix (v)** (نِصْی کرنا، تِلْک کرنا) Attach or add on.
Synonyms: Stick, Fasten
Antonyms: Detach, Disengage
You will need to affix an additional stamp to this envelop as it looks a little too bulky.
- **Afflatus (n)** (دَق، اِلْهَام) Divine inspiration, communication of supernatural knowledge
Synonyms: Revelation, Disclosure
Antonyms: Gained Knowledge
Joan of Arc was motivated by an afflatus from God to devote her life to the needy.
- **Affluence (n)** (فَرَاوَنی، دَوْلَت مندِی، اَمَدَت) Abundance of wealth
Synonyms: Prosperity, Opulence
Antonyms: Poverty, Scarcity
The way he dresses himself and the expensive bike he rides make it obvious that he belongs to a very affluent family.
- **Affray (n)** (مَدَکَنَی، دِکَن مَکَد) A public fight or riot
Synonyms: Altercation, Clamour
Antonyms: Compromise, Retreat, Surrender
The rousing speech by the student leader led to an affray between the two groups, and the police had to be called to control the fight.
- **Affront (v & n)** (تَنْک کرنا، تَوَجُّہ) 1. To offend or insult by disrespect, 2. Open insult
Synonyms: Impertinence, Disrespect
Antonyms: Respect, Reverence
Affronted by his fiancée in front of so many people, he walked out of the party in a huff.
- **Agape (adj.)** (حِیرَان) Open-mouthed with wonder or expectation
Synonyms: Amazed, Astonished
Antonyms: Unsurprised, Oriented
The children were agape with excitement as they watched the film.
- **Agenda (n)** (جِلْسہ کا قَاضِی اَمَل، بَیْش نامہ) Items of business at a meeting
Synonyms: Schedule, Rota
The question of the voluntary retirement scheme is high on the agenda of the next annual general meeting.
- **Agglomeration (n)** (اَنْجَم، ذَمیر) Collection, heap
Synonyms: Accretion, Aggregation
Antonyms: Erosion, Dwindle
The posh colony is surrounded by an agglomeration of slums and pavement dwellings.
- **Agglutination (n)** (خُون کے ذَرَات و غیرہ کا باہم چِپَکنا) Sticking or fusing together
Synonyms: Merger, Combination
Antonyms: Division, Separation
This disease is caused by an agglutination of the white blood cells.
- **Aggrandise (v)** (دَرَجہ یا رتبہ بڑھانا) 1. Increase or intensify, 2. Raise in power, wealth, rank or honour
Synonyms: Inflate, Applaud
Antonyms: Decrease, Diminish
He is willing to dupe his own brother for his personal aggrandisement.
- **Aggregate (adj. & n & v)** (مَجْمُوع، کُل میسران، کُل) 1. Collected into one body, 2. Sum total, 3. Collect together, unite
Synonyms: Accumulate, Collect
Antonyms: Disperse, Break up
Despite the promotional campaign, the revenue generated this year has aggregated to an amount much less than that of the previous year.
- **Aghast (adj.)** (دَشْت زدہ، ہکا بکا) Horrified
Synonyms: Appalled, Astonished,
Antonyms: Unsurprised
She was aghast when she was told of her husband's huge gambling debts.
- **Agility (n)** (بَحرَتی، سَبک رفتاری) Quick movement, nimbleness
Synonyms: Definess, Legerity
Antonyms: Clumsiness
The commandos moved with remarkable agility in their mission to save the hostages as they knew that they had very little time on their hands.
- **Agitate (v)** (اَشْتِعال دِلانا، بے چَین کرنا) Stir up, disturb
Synonyms: Fluster, Perturb
Antonyms: Appease
The actor became visibly agitated when the journalist questioned him about his relationship with the young starlet.
- **Agnostic (n & adj.)** (دَورِیہ، خُدا کے وجود میں شک کرنے والا) One who is sceptical of the existence or know ability of God or any ultimate reality
Synonyms: Dubious, Heathen, Infidel
Antonyms: Believer, Devoted
He is a confirmed agnostic and refuses to enter the church or any place related to religion.
- **Agog (adverb)** (ہَاشِتیاق، انتہائی مَظْطَرَب) Highly excited, intensely curious
Synonyms: Ecstatic, Rapturous
Antonyms: Complacent, Smug
The children were agog with excitement when the principal announced that the renowned sportsperson would shortly visit their school.
- **Agoraphobia (n)** (کُل میسروں سے خُوف) The fear of open spaces
Synonyms: Fear of being outside
Antonyms: Claustrophobia
Agoraphobia comes from the Latin word 'agora' which means a market place.

- **Agrarian** (adj. & n) (زری زمین سے متعلق) 1. Pertaining to land or its cultivation, 2. Advocate of redistribution of landed property
Synonyms: Countrified, Provincial, Rustic
Antonyms: Urban, Municipal
Having himself been a farmer once, the senator is a strong campaigner for agrarian reforms.
- **Alacrity** (n) (ہر شوق و مضامندی یا گرم جوشی) Quickness of response, Briskness
Synonyms: Celerity, Alertness, Swiftiness
Antonyms: Dullness, Apathy, Inertia
Not wanting to waste any time on formalities, he accepted our offer with alacrity.
- **Alchemy** (n) (الکیمیاء، کیاگری) A science in the middle ages that was concerned with finding a way to convert all metals into gold.
Alchemist's ultimate dream: turn waste back into gold.
- **Alcove** (n) (دیار یا فسیل میں بنا ہوا طاق، عمارت) A small space in a room-wall, Recess in garden wall or hedge
Synonyms: Lattice, Arbour, Bower, Gazebo
The sparrow had made its nest in an alcove in the garden wall.
- **Al fresco** (adverb & adj.) (کھلی ہوا میں، مکر سے باہر) In the open air, outdoors
Synonyms: Picnic, Rustic, Unrestricted,
Antonyms: Indoor, Confined, Restricted
Not finding any sponsors to stage their performance, the upstart rock group decided to hold a concert at the beach, alfresco.
- **Alias** (n & adverb) (عرف، کسی اور نام سے معروف) An assumed name
Synonyms: Pseudonym, a.k.a. (as known as), Nom de Plume
Antonyms: Real Name
He carried out a series of frauds under several different aliases.
- **Alible** (adj.) (قوت بخشنے، غذائیت سے بھرپور) Nutritious, nourishing
Synonyms: Beneficial, Nutritive, Wholesome
Antonyms: Bad, Unhealthy, Unwholesome
The food cooked in this way is particularly alible for people who are recuperating from a severe illness.
- **Alienate** (v) (مخالف بنانا، منحرف کرنا) Make hostile; separate
Synonyms: Estrange, Distance
Antonyms: Harmonise, Unite
The introduction of mechanised operations in this factory has led to the alienation of many workers.
- **Alimony** (n) (نان نفقہ) Payments made to an ex-spouse after divorce
Synonyms: Subsistence, Livelihood
Antonyms: Gift
In the first judgement of its kind from this court, the judge directed the lady to pay alimony to her disabled husband whom she had divorced.
- **Allay** (v) (تسکین دینا یا کم کرنا) To calm, pacify or diminish
Synonyms: Appeal, Assuage
Antonyms: Increase, Rage

- The President's statement was meant to allay public fears over the war situation; however, it ended up increasing the panic among the people.
- **Allege** (v) (الزام دینا) State without proof
Synonyms: Aver, Claim
Antonyms: Testimony, Evidence
The agency alleged my credit history had problems
 - **Allegory** (n) (تشبیہ، تصویر وغیرہ جس میں مفہوم یا پیغام کو علامتی طور پر پیش کیا گیا ہو،) (تشبیہ، تشبیہی روپ) A story in which characters and images represent abstract ideas, Apologue
Synonyms: Fable, Myth, Parable
Antonyms: Invention, Fabrication
In literature an apple most often represents sin and temptation, as it is an allegory to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.
 - **Alleviate** (v) (شدت میں کمی لانا) Make less burdensome or severe, lessen
Synonyms: Mitigate, Palliate
Antonyms: Worsen, Exacerbate
Though the destruction to property was significant, the natural disaster helped alleviate the tension between the two communities.
 - **Allocate** (v) (مقرر کرنا، متعین کرنا) Assign, devote (to person or purpose)
Synonyms: Assign, Allot
Antonyms: Retain, Withhold
Now that I've finished all the work allocated to me, let me help you with yours.
 - **Alloy** (n) (a) (مختلف دھاتوں کا مرکب، ملاوٹ) A mixture as of metals 2. Make a mixture
Synonyms: Amalgam, Blend
Antonyms: Single Substance
Brass is an alloy of zinc and copper.
 - **Allude** (v) (کتابتہ کرنا، اشاروں میں کہنا) To make an indirect or casual mention
Synonyms: Intimate, Insinuate, Connote
Antonyms: Conceal, Hide, Withhold
Though he did not directly allude to the former President in his address, it was obvious who he was referring to.
 - **Allure** (v & n) (دلا، موہ لینا) Attract, Tempt, Personal charm
Synonyms: Entice, Glamour, Seductiveness
Antonyms: Dissuade, Prevent, Repel
It was the allure of foreign travel that made me say yes to the job.
 - **Aloft** (adverb) (اوپر، ہوا میں) Upward
Synonyms: Superior, Uphill
Antonyms: Descending, Downward
From the skull-and-crossbones flag flying aloft, it was easy to make out that the ship was a pirates' vessel.

- **Aloof** (adj. & adverb) (جدا، الگ تھک، کم آئیں) 1. Distant, Unsympathetic, 2. Apart, Reserved
Synonyms: Indifferent, Remote
Antonyms: Gregarious, Sociable
 Since the death of his wife, he has become all the more aloof from his family and friends.
- **Altercation** (n) (جھگڑا، توتوئیس، الجھڑا) Noisy quarrel
Synonyms: Confrontation, Feud
Antonyms: Consensus, Agreement
 The classroom was a scene of wild altercation amongst the students, with chalk pieces flying all over, when the principal stepped in.
- **Altruistic** (adj.) (معتلق) Unselfishly generous; Concerned for others
Synonyms: Philanthropic, Munificent, Bountiful, Charitable
Antonyms: Selfish [(Altruism): Avarice, Miserliness, Cupid
 His altruistic gestures like donating for a charitable trust are only a sham for his otherwise illegal businesses.
- **Amalgamate** (v) (مڈغم کرنا) Combine; Unite in one body
Synonyms: Adulterate, Mingle
Antonyms: Disintegrate, Crumble
 The new media company was formed by the amalgamation of an advertising agency and a public relations company.
- **Amass** (v) (اکٹھا کرنا، اکٹھا کرنا) To collect in great amounts
Synonyms: Accumulate, Compile
Antonyms: Separate, Split
 He could not give any explanation to the Intelligence Team as to how he had amassed such a fortune in a short span of four years.
- **Amatory** (adj.) (عاشقانہ) of or showing (esp. sexual) love
Synonyms: Erotic, Amorous, Passionate
Antonyms: Hateful, Unfriendly
 His amatory glances at her were met with cold stares of uninterestedness and annoyance, much to his discomfiture.
- **Amazon** (n) (خونمد بہادر عورت) A large, strong or athletic woman
Synonyms: Virago, Termagant, Vixen
Antonyms: Delicate,
 That tall Amazonian lady who is now his boss was once a basketball player for her college.
- **Ambidextrous** (adj.) (دونوں ہاتھوں کو یکساں مہارت سے کام میں لانے والا، ہمہ گیر، مہر، مولا، سائق) (دوہری)
Synonyms: Double-dealing, Hypocritical
Antonyms: Limited, Unadjustable
 He's an ambidextrous person, writing with his left hand but doing all other work with his right.

- **Ambient** (adj.) (گھرا ہوا، چاروں اطراف سے گھیرے ہوئے) Surrounding, encompassing on all sides
Synonyms: Atmosphere, Disposition, Setting
Antonyms: Circled, Surrounded
 Her room had an extremely religious ambience, with burning incense and portraits of Jesus all over.
- **Ambiguous** (adj.) (بہیم، غیر واضح) Unclear or doubtful in meaning
Synonyms: Dubious, Anomalous
Antonyms: Clear, Definite
 I could not gather much from his ambiguous statements on what he intends to do with the lottery prize-money.
- **Ambit** (n) (دائرہ اختیار، دائرہ اثر) Bounds, limits, scope
Synonyms: Boundary, Bounds, Compass
Antonyms: Inside, Interior, Minimum
 Taking a decision as profound as this is not in the ambit of my authority.
- **Ambivalence** (n) (ایک وقت محبت اور نفرت کا جذبہ) 1. Simultaneous attraction towards and repulsion from an object, person or action. 2. Indecisiveness
Synonyms: Doubt, Fluctuation, Gingerliness,
Antonyms: Certainty, Decisiveness
 I have a rather ambivalent attitude towards this city; I'm neither too happy nor too troubled staying here.
- **Amble** (v & n) (دبکی چال، بک رفتاری) 1. To walk at a leisurely pace, 2. Gait of ambling horse, Easy pace
Synonyms: Canter, Gallop, Trot
Antonyms: Run, Rush, Speed
 Ali leisurely ambled towards me, totally unaware of the tragedy that had befallen his family.
- **Ambrosia** (n) (آپ حیات) Anything exquisitely gratifying in taste or smell
Synonyms: Delicious, Gourmet Food, Nectar
Antonyms: Distasteful, Unpleasant
 When you are extremely thirsty and not have had anything to drink for a long time, a glass of plain water seems like sheer ambrosia.
- **Ameliorate** (v) (بہتر کرنا، سدھارتا) Improve, become better
Synonyms: Pacify, Amend
Antonyms: Worsen, Corrupt
 Hiring an extra computer operator will only slightly ameliorate the situation; what we actually need is an organised plan to deliver on time.
- **Amenable** (adj.) (اطاعت پذیر، بخوشی قبول کرنے والا) Submissive, easily manageable, docile, tractable
Synonyms: Pliable, Docile
Antonyms: Intractable, Querulous
 I have indicated in my job application that I am quite amenable to being placed at any location.

- **Amend** (v) (صحیح کرنا، ترمیم کرنا) Correct; Change, generally for the better
Synonyms: Improve, Revise
Antonyms: Mar, Reduce, Worsen
 After making suitable amendments in the document, the chief gave it to the stenographer for typing.
- **Amenity** (n) (مدنی سہولت، آسائش) Convenient feature, Something that makes life easier or enjoyable
Synonyms: Facility, Provision
Antonyms: Hardship, Quandary
 Except for this park, this town has hardly anything to show for local amenities.
- **Amnesty** (n & v) (عام معافی) 1. General Pardon especially for political offence
 2. Given amnesty to
Synonyms: Acquittal, Liberation
Antonyms: Punishment, Execution
 As a gesture of peace and goodwill, the President has decided to grant amnesty to the prisoners of war.
- **Amok** (adverb) (جھپٹے کا) In a state of rage
Synonyms: Amuck, wacky, Crazy
Antonyms: Indifferent, Complacent
 If public spending runs amok like this, our currency will soon lose its value.
- **Amphibian** (adj. & n) (جنگلی اور تری دونوں میں رہنے والا) Able to live both on land and in water
Synonyms: Cold-blooded vertebrate
Antonyms: Birds
 The turtle is an amphibian creature, being able to survive both on land as well as water.
- **Ample** (adj.) (دافر، کثیر) Abundant
Synonyms: Lavish, Copious, Exuberant
Antonyms: Scarce, Scant, Meagre
 You need not hurry, we have ample time.
- **Amplify** (v) (بڑھانا، اضافہ کرنا) Enlarge, To increase in size, effect etc. by explaining in greater detail
Synonyms: Augment, Embellish
Antonyms: Decrease, Decline
 He amplified his statements about the ratio of poverty in the country by showing a lot of photographs he had himself taken.
- **Amputate** (v) (عضو کاٹ دینا) Cut off part of body
Synonyms: Remove, Detach
Antonyms: Agglutinate, Join
 The doctor was left with no option but to amputate her damaged leg.

- **Amulet** (n) (توسیہ) Thing worn as charm against evil
Synonyms: Gewgaw, Talisman
 The old fakir gave him an amulet saying that wearing it would bring prosperity to him.
- **Anachronism** (n) (غیر سہ، ہٹا) Something or someone misplaced in time
Synonyms: Incongruity, Irrelevant
Antonyms: Appropriate, Relevant
 In this age of synthesised sounds and techno-music, the sound of this old guitar appears so anachronistic.
- **Anaemia** (n) (خون کی کمی کا مرض، خون کی کمی) Condition in which blood lacks red corpuscles
Synonyms: Bloodlessness, Chlorosis
Antonyms: Plethora
 Though the doctor has diagnosed her weakness as simple anaemia, I fell we should get a second opinion.
- **Anaesthetic** (n & adj.) (بیہوشی پیدا کرنے والی دوا) Substance that removes sensation with or without loss of consciousness
Synonyms: Hypnotic
Antonyms: Painful
 The anaesthesia administered by the doctor had immediate effect and he fell asleep almost instantly.
- **Analgesic** (adj. & n) (دور ختم کرنے والی دوا) Causing insensitivity to pain, Relieving pain
Synonyms: Narcotic, Tranquiliser
Antonyms: Painful, Irritating
 You don't need any strong medicine for this bruise, any mild analgesic will do.
- **Analogous** (adj.) (مشابہ، کسی دوسری چیز سے کسی طور ملتا جلتا) Similar, parallel
Synonyms: Homogeneous, Parallel
Antonyms: Dissimilar, Disparate
 The movement of planets around the sun is analogous to the movement of particles in an atom.
- **Anarchy** (n) (بد نظمی، افراتفری) State of lawlessness because of absence of a governing body; State of disorder
Synonyms: Pandemonium, Furore, Turmoil
Antonyms: Order, Stability
 With the untimely and sudden demise of the Prime Minister, the small country was thrown into a state of anarchy and turmoil.
- **Anathema** (n) (بر خلاف اعتقاد ہونے کے باعث قابل نفرت کوئی چیز یا تصور) 1. A formal curse imposed by authority 2. Cursed or detested thing
Synonyms: Abhorrence, Aversion
Antonyms: Blessing, Favour
 His strong views in favour of abortion rights are an anathema to the pro-life lobby in the senate.

- **Anchorite** (n) (تبرک الدین، راجب، گوشہ نشین) Person who lives on his own, usu. for religious reasons
Synonyms: Hermit, Monastic, Ascetic
Antonyms: Companionable, Friendly, Social
He spent the last few years of his life as an anchorite, removed from all worldly affairs and devoted to spiritual causes.
- **Ancillary** (adj.) (ذیلی، ماتحت) Serving as an aid or accessory; Auxiliary
Synonyms: Subsidiary, Appurtenant
Antonyms: Principal, Central
In order to cut down on costs, the hospital fired almost half of its ancillary staff, which included everyone other than nurses and doctors.
- **Anecdote** (n) (واقہ، قصہ، روایت) Short account of an amusing or interesting event
Synonyms: Allegory, Parable, Fable
The story of his getting lost in the jungle is perhaps the most amusing anecdote I've ever heard.
- **Anguish** (n) (انتہائی جسمانی یا ذہنی تکلیف، شدید درد) Acute pain; Extreme suffering
Synonyms: Woe, Agony
Antonyms: Happiness, Contentment
The young woman was in a state of utter anguish over her missing child of four years.
- **Angular** (adj.) (کونے رکھنے والا، نمایاں ہڈیوں والا انسان، چھوڑ) 1. Sharp-cornered 2. Stiff in manner
Synonyms: Jagged, Serrated
Antonyms: Straight, Plain
The cheekbones on her sharp, angular face are very clearly visible; there's no way you cannot notice her.
- **Animadversion** (n) (بڑا بھلا کہنا، تنقید) Sever criticism, stricture, censure
Synonyms: Admonition, Remonstrance, Criticism, Censure
Antonyms: Praise, Commendation
She only had words of animadversion for her husband, blaming him for their son's failure at school.
- **Animated** (adj.) (دلچسپی اور قوت سے بھرپور) Lively
Synonyms: Blithe, Vivacious, Gleeful
Antonyms: Bore, Irking, Sad
Shahid gets all animated and excited talking about his new project.
- **Animosity** (n) (سخت دشمنی، عداوت) Active enmity, Bitterness
Synonyms: Animus, Asperity, Rancour
Antonyms: Camaraderie, Conviviality
The bitter animosity between the two clans has its roots in a property feud over a hundred years old.
- **Annals** (n) (مرتب تاریخی واقعات، تاریخی مواد) Narrative of events year by year, Historical Records
Synonyms: Chronicle
Antonyms: Monthly Journal

- The last decade will go down in the annals of American history as among the most progressive ever.
- **Anneal** (v & n) (دھات یا شیشے کو گرم کر کے ٹھنڈا ہونے دینا تاکہ وہ مضبوط اور ملائم ہو جائے) 1. To toughen (metal or glass) by heat and slow cooling 2. Treatment by first heating and then cooling
Synonyms: Petrify, Indurate
Antonyms: Soften, Weaken
This plate is made of annealed copper, and is stronger than most other plates of its type.
 - **Annihilate** (v) (مکمل تباہ کرنا) Destroy largely or completely
Synonyms: Slaughter, Eradicate
Antonyms: Protect, Augment
The earthquake that struck Azad Kashmir in 2005 annihilated entire villages.
 - **Annotate** (v) (کسی کتاب کی تفصیل لکھنا یا تشریح کرنا) Provide explanatory notes
Synonyms: Explicate, Elucidate
Antonyms: Distract, Make Ambiguous
The English teacher has recommended us an annotated edition of Shakespeare's Macbeth, written by a renowned Oxford professor.
 - **Annuity** (n) (سالانہ وظیفہ) Sum payable in respect of a particular year
Synonyms: Bounty, Dole
Antonyms: Salary, Wages
The only income for the family is in the form of an annuity which the mother receives from the government.
 - **Anoint** (v) (مذہبی رسم کے طور پر کسی کے سر پر تیل یا پانی لگانا، تیل سے تر کرنا، مائل کرنا) 1. Apply ointment or oil to (especially as religious ceremony at baptism) 2. To appoint as the leader or king
Synonyms: Consecrate, Asperse
Antonyms: Desecrate, Oust
Akbar's anointment as the king of medieval India coincided with the beginning of the industrial revolution in Europe.
 - **Anomalous** (adj.) (غلاف معمول، خلاف توقع) Abnormal; Irregular
Synonyms: Aberrant, Peculiar
Antonyms: Regular, Normal
The unexpected results of the research are either because of some statistical anomaly, or we have been making the wrong assumptions.
 - **Anonymous** (adj.) (بے نام، گمنام) State of being nameless
Synonyms: Secret, Unnamed
Antonyms: Signed, Named
The public official agreed to talk to the press about the corruption in the telecommunications department on conditions of anonymity.
 - **Antagonistic** (adj.) (مخالفانہ، حریفانہ) Opposed
Synonyms: Hostile, Adversary, Inimical
Antonyms: Agreed, Gracious
His one small thoughtless remark led to the beginning of a deep-rooted antagonism between the two families.

- **Antecedent** (*adj. & n*) (کوئی سابقہ چیز یا واقعہ جو بعد کے اثر انداز ہو) 1. Previous (to) 2. Preceding events or circumstances that influence future
Synonyms: Elapsed, Preceding
Antonyms: Following, Upcoming, Future
History has shown that a small, relatively insignificant event proves to be the antecedent to a historical event of much larger significance.
- **Antediluvian** (*adj. & n*) (دنیائی، بہت پرانا) 1. Utterly out of date, totally outmoded and outdated 2. Old-fashioned or aged person
Synonyms: Antiquated, Archaic, Prehistoric
Antonyms: Modern, Contemporary, Present
She described my ideas about marriage as antediluvian, saying that they did not make sense in the present day world.
- **Anthropoid** (*adj. & n*) (انسان نما، انسان سے مشابہ) 1. Manlike in form 2. Being that is human in form only especially a manlike ape
Synonyms: Anthropomorphic, Humanoid
Antonyms: Inhuman, Unmanly
Going by the Darwinian Theory, humanoid forms like chimpanzee should evolve into other more complex species over thousands of years.
- **Anthropologist** (*n*) (انسان شناس) Student of the history and science of humankind
Synonyms: Mankind Researcher
Antonyms: Ornithologist
The anthropologist was impressed by the reconditeness of the native proverbs
- **Anthropomorphic** (*adj.*) (دنیائی، جانوروں یا چیزوں سے ایسا برتاؤ جیسے وہ انسانی خصوصیات رکھتی ہوں) Having human form or characteristics
Synonyms: Humanoid, Anthropoid
Antonyms: Inhuman, Unmanly
Fossils of the humanoid form which have been excavated in northwest Africa have several anthropomorphic structures, yet it is obvious that they are not human fossils as their skulls are so different.
- **Anticlimax** (*n*) (کسی پر جوش مرتلے پر واقع ہونے والی مایوس کن صورت حال) Letdown in thought or emotion
Synonyms: Defeated, Fatigued
Antonyms: Climax, Progressing
The much hyped visit of the Microsoft officials to the company ended in an anticlimax when they left within fifteen minutes without stating much.
- **Antipathy** (*n*) (شدید ناپسندیدگی، تنافر، شدید نفرت) Constitutional or settled aversion, dislike
Synonyms: Repugnance, Hostility
Antonyms: Fondness
The company president's well known antipathy towards trade unions has made him quite unpopular with the labourers.
- **Antiquated** (*adj.*) (پرانا، دنیائی) Outdated, Old-fashioned
Synonyms: Obsolete, Ancient, Antediluvian
Antonyms: Contemporary, In use, Modern
The judicial system in this country is badly in need of reforms because many of the laws are antiquated and no longer relevant.

- **Antithesis** (*n*) (کسی چیز کا متضاد، دو چیزوں کا باہمی فرق) Contrast of ideas expressed by parallelism of strongly contrasted words
Synonyms: Corollary, Converse
Antonyms: Similarity
The Socialist system of state-owned resources was completely antithetical to the norms of a market economy.
Antonyms: Division, Separation
- **Apathy** (*n*) (بے حس، سرد مہری) Insensitivity to suffering, without feeling
Synonyms: Phlegm, Insensitivity, Insouciance
Antonyms: Care, Concern, Sympathy
Many literate people in Pakistan have developed apathy to the democratic system, choosing to not exercise their right to vote during elections.
- **Aperture** (*n*) (مدے کا دائرہ جس میں سے روشنی گزرتی ہے) Opening, Hole in the camera through which light can pass
Synonyms: Chasm, Abyss
Antonyms: Closing, Lid
This camera has a very small aperture, the reason why the photographs have come out so clear.
- **Aphasia** (*n*) (قوت گویائی کا سلب ہو جانا) Loss of ability to use or understand speech
Synonyms: Dysarthria, Dysphasia
Antonyms: Attentive, Understanding
The parents were startled to see signs of aphasia in their three-year old son, and rushed him to a speech therapist.
- **Aphorism** (*n*) (کہادت، ضرب المثل) A saying, proverb, maxim, apothegm (*usu.:* a short, pithy sentence; e.g. look before you leap)
Synonyms: Adage, Maxim, Proverb, Cliché
Antonyms: Absurdity, Ambiguity, Paradox
He has a very annoying way of stating an aphorism with almost anything he says, sometimes even when it is totally irrelevant.
- **Apiary** (*n*) (پھتا) A place where bees are kept
Synonyms: Beehive
He has a small apiary in his backyard from which he gets himself a regular supply of high quality honey.
- **Aplomb** (*n*) (کامل خود اعتمادی) Self confidence, Poise
Synonyms: Panache, Intrepidity
Antonyms: Confusion, Hesitancy
She showed absolutely no signs of stage fright, handling each of the questions thrown at her with aplomb.
- **Apocalyptic** (*adj.*) (کشتی، الہامی) Of, like, or pertaining to a some misfortune which can happen in the future. Also pertaining to the end of the world
Synonyms: Inauspicious, Portentious, Ominous
Antonyms: Auspicious, Lucky, Propitious
Time and again we hear of apocalyptic prophesies in which people predict the end of the world; all of them are mere rumours.

- **Apocryphal** (adj.) (مشہور مگر غیر جی کہانی) A false story, Anything widely believed which is actually not true
Synonyms: Fraudulent, Fictitious
Antonyms: Authentic, Bona fide
Most of the stories about the ostentatious use of wealth by the Sultan of Brunei are apocryphal; this one, however, is totally authentic.
- **Apoplectic** (adj.) (بہت نڈاڑش) Violently excited and angry
Synonyms: Seizure, Convulsion
Antonyms: Pleased, Delighted
The old general was apoplectic with rage at the sight of the young lieutenant behaving so nonchalantly.
- **Apostate** (n & adj.) (مذہبی یا سیاسی نظریات کو رد کرنے والا) A person who gives up his religious faith, beliefs, etc.
Synonyms: Recreant, Treacherous
Antonyms: Loyalist, Devotee
Though he was an apostate from the political party, he was still invited to its annual convention held last month.
- **Apothegm** (n) (سچے آموز کہادت) A concise and instructive saying
Synonyms: Aphorism, Dictum
Antonyms: Foolishness, Nonsense
Certain apothegms, like nothing succeeds like success, are time tested and will always remain true.
- **Apotheosis** (n) (عروج) Highest development, perfect example
Synonyms: Exaltation, Aggrandisement
Antonyms: Demotion, Degradation
This poem is the apotheosis of lyric expression.
- **Appal** (v) (صدمہ پہنچانا، خوف زدہ کرنا) Dismay; Shock
Synonyms: Nauseate, Outrage
Antonyms: Encourage, Reassure
I was appalled at the sight of the rich businessman treating his lowly employee with such disdain and disregard.
- **Apparition** (n) (بھوت، سایہ، آسب) 1. Appearance, usually of something unexpected or unusual or supernatural such as a ghost, wraith
2. Something remarkable or startling
Synonyms: Spectre, Phantom
Antonyms: Waited, Expected
He firmly believes that what he saw last night was an apparition of his father who had passed away last week.
- **Appease** (v) (دلاس دینا، کھنکھانی رفع کرنا) Try to conciliate or bribe by making concessions
Synonyms: Pacify, Calm, Placate
Antonyms: Agitate, Disturb, Rouse
I tried my best to appease the child by offering him toffees, but he continued to howl at the top of his voice.

- **Appellation** (n) (لقب، خطاب) Name or title, specifically one which is added to a person's actual name
Synonyms: Cognomen, Designation
History has honoured the brave deeds of King Alexander of Greece by giving him the appellation of Alexander, the Great.
- **Apposite** (adj.) (موزوں، متعلقہ) Highly pertinent or relevant
Synonyms: Germane, Suitable
Antonyms: Inappropriate, Unsuitable
Even though his remark was not very diplomatic, it was quite apposite in the given situation.
- **Appraise** (v) (تخمینہ لگانا، جانچنا) Estimate the value of something, Assess
Synonyms: Evaluate, Judge
A team of experts has been set up to appraise the damage done by the massive earthquake.
- **Appreciation** (n) (احسان مندی، قدردانیت میں اضافہ) 1. Be thankful for 2. Increase in worth
Synonyms: Admiration, Exaltation
Antonyms: Diminution, Derogate
Because of the poor law and order situation in the country, the value of real estate has hardly appreciated in the last ten years.
- **Apprehension** (n) (خودش، اضطراب) 1. Anxiety about the future, Expectation of something unpleasant 2. Arrest
Synonyms: Trepidation, Expectation
Antonyms: Complacency, Contentment
My apprehension that he would be a slow learner was obviously incorrect; he has picked up the lessons faster than most of his classmates have.
- **Apprise** (v) (آگاہ کرنا، خبردار کرنا) Inform
Synonyms: Acquaint, Impart
Antonyms: Withhold, Conceal
The Diplomat apprised the Prime Minister of the exact situation in the war-torn country.
- **Approbation** (n) (پسندیدگی یا منظوری) Praise or approval, especially at a formal level
Synonyms: Sanction, Authorisation
Antonyms: Disapproval, Degradation
The approbatory comments of the general about the actions taken by the commanding officer boosted the morale of the entire regiment.
- **Appropriate** (v & adj.) (مخصوص کرنا، موزوں) 1. Suitable or proper 2. To take exclusive possession of something without authority 3. To set aside for a particular purpose, Allocate
Synonyms: Apropos, Reasonable, Relevant
Antonyms: Irrelevant, Inappropriate
1. This water is not appropriate for drinking.
2. The senior officer has been charged with the appropriation of government.

3. The government has appropriated a sum of \$ 20 million for the construction of an observatory in this state.

- **Appurtenance (n)** (ملحقہ، منسلک، متعلق) Minor thing that goes with a more important one

Synonyms: Adjunct, Appendix, Contingency

Antonyms: Detached, Apart, Isolated

The judge decreed that he pay a penalty of Rs.50,000 to the garage owner, in addition to other appurtenances like paying for the damage done to the car.

- **Apropos (adverb)** (کسی سے متعلق) With reference to, Regarding

Synonyms: Appropriate, Germane, Pertinent

Antonyms: Untimely, Unrelated

Apropos to the point you've just raised, I don't think it's valid to assume that the player is not guilty of misconduct.

- **Aptitude (n)** (میلان، صلاحیت، مہارت) Natural ability and skill, Talent

Synonyms: Propensity, Ability

Antonyms: Inability, Shortcoming

She showed great aptitude for learning music, so her parents decided to send her to the Cambridge School of Music in Britain.

- **Aquiline (adj.)** (مقاب کی مانند، خم دار) 1. Of or like an eagle 2. Curved, hooked

Synonyms: Bent, Arched

Antonyms: Straight, Flat

An aquiline nose is one that curves like an eagle's beak.

- **Arable (adj. & n)** (قابل کاشت، زراعتی) 1. Fit for ploughing 2. Plants that can be grown on such land

Synonyms: Fertile, Productive

Antonyms: Barren, Unfruitful

The nomadic tribes in Central Asia keep moving from one place to another in search of arable lands.

- **Arachnid (n)** (مکڑی کی قبیل کی حشرات جیسے بچو یا جون) Member of the class to which spiders belong

Synonyms: Mite, Scorpion, Tarantula

Antonyms: Mammals, Insects

Even though the creature has several legs and moves just like a spider, it seems to large to belong to the arachnid family.

- **Arbiter (n)** (مصف، ثالث) Person with power to decide a matter in dispute

Synonyms: Judge, Umpire

Antonyms: Party, Conspirator

To pacify the dispute between the two groups at the beach, my father played the role of an arbiter to perfection.

- **Arbitrary (adj.)** (خود مختار، آمرانه) Derived from mere opinion or random choice, Unreasonable

Synonyms: Capricious, Discretionary

Antonyms: Logical, Mandatory

Though his decision seemed rather arbitrary at the time, it proved to be among the best decisions of his life.

- **Arboreal (adj.)** (درخت پر رہنے والا، شجری) Of, pertaining to or like a tree or trees, inhabiting or frequenting trees

Synonyms: Arboreous, Botanical

Antonyms: Zoological

Even though this creature belongs to the monkey family, it is not really arboreal and prefers to spend most of its time on the ground.

- **Arboretum (n)** (شجرستان درختوں کا بونیکل باغچہ، شجر گاہ) Place where different varieties of trees and shrubs are studied and exhibited

Synonyms: Conservatory

Antonyms: Forest

The botany department at the university has submitted a request for the construction of an arboretum in the campus, where it plans to grow trees and plants under controlled conditions.

- **Arcade (n)** (چھت دار راستہ جس کے ایک طرف یا دونوں طرف دکانیں ہوں) A covered passageway, usually lined with shops

Synonyms: Mezzanine, Colonnade

Antonyms: Shop, House

A shopping arcade is an essential part of a five-star hotel.

- **Arcane (adj.)** (پہا سرا، پوشیدہ) Mysterious, Secret, Hidden

Synonyms: Confidential, Privy, Intimate

Antonyms: Commonplace, Known, Normal,

They didn't notice the arcane pumpkin in the background.

- **Archaic (adj.)** (قدیم، دیا نوسی) 1. Of early period 2. (Of words etc) no longer in ordinary use (e.g., 'Methinks', 'thee', 'thou', etc.)

Synonyms: Antiquated, Antediluvian, Antique

Antonyms: New, Modern, Contemporary

I would like to learn this archaic language, said Sarah, but nobody speaks it anymore.

- **Archetype (n)** (نقش اول، اصلی نمونہ) Original model

Synonyms: Prototype, Example

Antonyms: Reproduction, Copy

Though he looks like an archetypical corporate executive in that formal suit, his manners betray an unsophisticated and rustic personality.

- **Archives (n)** (دستاویزات خانہ) 1. Public records 2. Place where public records are kept

Synonyms: Annals, Record Room

All the records pertaining to the development of this village are kept in the local archive.

- **Ardour (n)** (گرم جوش، گہن) Strong enthusiasm, passion

Synonyms: Fervour, Mettle, Zeal, Passion

Antonyms: Lethargy, Inertia, Stupor

They were imbued with a revolutionary ardour.

- **Arduous (adj.)** (مشقت آمیز، کٹھن) Hard to achieve or overcome, energetic

Synonyms: Strenuous, Laborious, Exhausting

Antonyms: Suave, Gullible

Because he was assigned the rather arduous task of shovelling the snow in the college ground, he was absolutely exhausted at the end of the day.

- **Argot (n)** (چور بولی، چوروں آپکوں کی مخصوص بولی، عامیانہ بولی) Jargon, slang, colloquial language
Synonyms: Lingo, Parlance, Patois,
Antonyms: Standard, Chaste
 Both the smugglers talked in a strange argot, which could be understood only by the members of their own group.
- **Arid (adj.)** (خیر زمین) Dry and barren
Synonyms: Droughty, Desiccated, Parched
Antonyms: Fertile, Productive
 Finding an oasis in the arid landscape of a desert is among the most remarkable features of Mother Nature.
- **Aristocracy (n)** (حکومت امراء، اعلیٰ طبقے کی حکمرانی) 1. Government by the best or most outstanding citizens 2. Class of nobles
Synonyms: Gentlefolk
Antonyms: Anarchy
 As soon as he was elected Senator, he became a part of the town's aristocracy and high society.
- **Armageddon (n)** (کوئی فیصلہ کن سرکر) A great final decisive conflict
Synonyms: Final Battle, Final Battleground
Antonyms: Truce, Armistice
 Historians called the First World War an Armageddon.
- **Aromatic (adj. & n)** (خوش گووار ذائقہ خوشبودار، مسالوں کی خوشبو میں بجا) Fragrant, pleasantly pungent
Synonyms: Pungent, Odoriferous, Piquant
Antonyms: Putrid, Rotting
 The peculiar pungent flavour of this stew comes from the use of an aromatic herb in its cooking.
- **Arraign (v)** (الزام لگانا، عیب جوئی کرنا) To accuse, Indict, Find fault with
Synonyms: Incriminate, Inculcate, Impeach, Censure
Antonyms: Discharge, Exonerate, Free,
 The Speaker arraigned the members of parliament for using improper language during the conduct of parliamentary proceedings.
- **Array (v & n)** (ترتیب دار فہرست، افراد یا اشیا کا اجتماع) 1. Draw up in order 2. Imposing or well-ordered series of persons or things
Synonyms: Muster, Congregate
Antonyms: Disarray, Dismay
 His tools were in an orderly array on the basement wall.
- **Arrears (n)** (پایا جات) 1. Outstanding debts 2. Something that remains not done
Synonyms: Liability, Debit
Antonyms: Credit, Asset
 The landlord agreed to waive three months of rent which was in arrears provided I vacate the house immediately.

- **Arrogance (n)** (غور، تکبر) Pride, haughtiness
Synonyms: Haughtiness, Contumely, Insolence, Loftiness
Antonyms: Humility, Modesty
 Even though he is no longer the chief of the company, his arrogance is still intact and he still tries to boss around.
- **Arrogate (v)** (جے جادعوئی یا مطالبہ کرنا، ناجائز حق کا جھوٹا دعویٰ کرنا) To claim unduly or presumptuously
Synonyms: Embrace, Imitate
Antonyms: Delegate, Entrust
 As soon as he grabbed power in the country through a military coup, the general arrogated to himself the right to change the law.
- **Arroyo (n)** (آبی گزرگاہ) A short water course, often dry gully or channel
Synonyms: Brook, Flow, Current
Antonyms: Desert, Plane
 The arroyo that flows beside the boundary of my garden is a small offshoot of the river that runs about half a mile away.
- **Articulate (v & adj.)** (فصح) 1. To express thoughts and feelings clearly 2. To speak or pronounce clearly and carefully
Synonyms: Eloquent, Loquacious
Antonyms: Taciturn, Shy
 1. Though he finds it very difficult to articulate his feelings to anyone, he opens up with me and shares all his distress.
 2. Since he did not know English very well, I articulated the contents of the document to him in simpler language.
- **Artifice (n)** (گہری چال، عیارانہ اختراع) A clever trick, deceitful device
Synonyms: Stratagem, Ruse
Antonyms: Sincerity, Candour
 The walls of this room have large mirrors on them; which is an artifice to make the room look larger.
- **Artisan (n)** (ہنر مند، دستکار) A manually skilled worker
Synonyms: Adept, Contriver, Artificer
Antonyms: Tyro, Machine man
 The government has decided to exhibit at the National Exhibition the handicrafts made by the tribal artisans of this area.
- **Artless (adj.)** (سادہ، طبعی، ناپختہ) Without guile; Open and honest
Synonyms: Naïve, Ingenuous, Guileless
Antonyms: Virtuoso, Learned
 His artless remark about his humble background went against him when the final selection was made.
- **Ascendancy (n)** (غلبہ، عروج) Controlling influence
Synonyms: Dominion, Dominance
Antonyms: Weakness, Shortcoming
 With his cunning mind and superior leadership skills, he soon managed to gain ascendancy over the group.

- **Ascetic** (*adj. & n*) (عاشقِ بندگی) 1. Practicing self-denial 2. One who practices self-denial
Synonyms: Austere, Monk
Antonyms: Sociable, Extrovert
He spent the final few years of his life as an ascetic; removed from all worldly happenings and living with the bare essentials.
- **Aseptic** (*adj.*) (غیر ملوث) Free from germs and disease causing elements (of a wound etc.)
Synonyms: Germicidal, Hygienic, Medicated
Antonyms: Contaminated, Unclean, Noxious
Had the wound been made aseptic immediately after you injured yourself, the infection would not have spread.
- **Ashen** (*adj.*) (خاکستری رنگ کا) Ash-coloured, Deadly pale
Synonyms: Anaemic, Wan, Pallid
Antonyms: Plethoric, Bright
As soon as he realised that he had been trapped and could not escape, his face turned ashen with fear and horror.
- **Asinine** (*adj.*) (احمق، نامقول) Pertaining to asses, Foolish
Synonyms: Ridiculous, Absurd
Antonyms: Brainy, Bright, Intelligent
I never expected him to come up with such an asinine remark in the class; he looks quite intelligent!
- **Askance** (*adverb*) (دیکھا، نا پسندیدگی کی نظر سے دیکھا) With an indirect or slant look
Synonyms: Oblique, Lopsided, Askew
Antonyms: Adore, Like
I could see that she was trying to look at me askance, even while keeping a straight face.
- **Askew** (*adverb*) (ترجما، ٹیڑھا) Crookedly; Slanted; At an angle
Synonyms: Gnarled, Awry, Distorted
Antonyms: Straight, Level
A closer look showed that the apparently straight line joining the two points was not exactly straight but slightly askew.
- **Asperity** (*n*) (درشت مزاجی، سختی) Roughness or harshness of attitude, sharpness of temper
Synonyms: Acrimony, Astringency, Sarcasm
Antonyms: Calmness, Happiness, Kindness
Don't look at the screen with asperity after reading your result.
- **Aspersions** (*n*) (تہمت، الزام) A false or derogatory remark
Synonyms: Obloquy, Infamy, Calumny, Censure
Antonyms: Flattery, Sycophancy, Obsequiousness
If you are casting aspersions on my ability to drive, let me inform you that I have been driving a car for over twenty years now.
- **Aspirant** (*n & adj.*) (آرزو مند، امیدوار) Seeker after position or status
Synonyms: Suitor, Contestant, Postulant, Candidate
Antonyms: Boss, Manager

Much before the company's presentation about the job began, the hall was packed to capacity with job aspirants, and more of them were on their way in.

- **Assail** (*v*) (حملہ کرنا) Make hostile attack upon
Synonyms: Assault, Mugging
Antonyms: Protect, Resist, Retreat
The angry crowd assailed the police with stones and whatever they could lay their hands upon.
- **Assay** (*v & n*) (تجزیہ کرنا، کھرا کھونا معلوم کرنے کا عمل) 1. To test the fineness purity etc. part of a metal 2. Such tests
Synonyms: Procedure, Modus Operandi, Analysis
Antonyms: Ignore, Negligence, Omission
The assay of the necklace by the expert jeweller showed that the pearls used in the necklace were not genuine.
- **Assent** (*n & v*) (منظور کرنا، رضامندی) 1. Express agreement (to statement or opinion etc) 2. (Official) consent or sanction
Synonyms: Acquiescence, Accord, Approval
Antonyms: Difference, Dissimilarity
As we waited for the director's assent to our idea, we wondered what our next step should be if the director did not approve of the idea.
- **Assert** (*v*) (دعویٰ سے کہنا، حق جتانا) State strongly or positively; Insist on or demand recognition of (rights, claims, etc.)
Synonyms: Aver, Contend, Claim
Antonyms: Accept, Agree
Although he was found guilty, he continued to assert that he was innocent and had been falsely indicted.
- **Asseverate** (*v*) (دوڑوں سے کہنا یا علف سے اقرار کرنا) To affirm or declare positively or emphatically
Synonyms: Contend, Claim, Assert
Antonyms: Give up, Abandon
Even though the doctor asseverated that the illness was minor, I decided to go for a second opinion.
- **Assiduous** (*adj.*) (ثابت قدم، سخت محنتی) Diligent and persevering, Hardworking
Synonyms: Industrious, Laborious, Sedulous
Antonyms: Lethargic, Lazy, Languid
The detective assiduously pursued the case for nearly six months, and finally his hard work paid off as he found the crucial piece of evidence.
- **Assimilate** (*v*) (مکمل طور پر سمجھ جانا، کسی ملک، گروپ، کلچر یا سوسائٹی کا حصہ بن جانا) 1. To understand completely, and put such understanding to practical use 2. To make oneself a part of another group, culture, society etc.
Synonyms: Grasp, Learn, Absorb
Antonyms: Reject, Disintegrate
Immigrants often want to assimilate quickly.
- **Assuage** (*v*) (شدت کم کرنا، اطمینان دلانا) To lessen or ease, Relieve
Synonyms: Pacify, Mitigate, Palliate
Antonyms: Rankle, Annoy, Irritate

He said in the interview that the only job that could assuage his thirst for knowledge was that of a librarian, so that he could be amongst books every day.

- **Assumption (n)** (فروضہ) Something taken for granted, believing something without having proof
Synonyms: Conjecture, Surmise
Antonyms: Authentic, Well set
My assumption that workers in Germany would behave similarly to workers in Pakistan was proven wrong.
- **Astral (adj.)** (جہی) (ستاروں سے متعلق) Relating to the stars
Synonyms: Planetary, Celestial
He is a firm believer in astrology, and considers the astral and planetary positions an important factor in determining the fate of a person.
- **Astringent (adj. & n)** (تخت گیر، تند یا ترش مزاج) 1. Severe and biting, Harsh 2. Able to tighten up the skin or stop bleeding
Synonyms: Constrictive
The astringent criticism of this movie by the noted critic appears to me as rather biased.
- **Astronomical (adj.)** (فلکیاتی) (عظیم درجہ فراخ) Enormous in size or extensive
Synonyms: Celestial, Astral
The government has spent an astronomical amount of money in this rehabilitation program, yet the results are not really evident as yet.
- **Astute (adj.)** (تیز فہم، زیرک) Shrewd
Synonyms: Sagacious, Erudite
Antonyms: Foolish, Gullible, Simpleton
With his astute handling of the situation, the team manager was able to avoid a possible crisis within the ranks of the team.
- **Asunder (adverb)** (ٹکڑے ٹکڑے) Into separate pieces
Synonyms: Abstracted, Apart, Apportioned
Antonyms: Joined, Integrated
The wooden boat was torn asunder on the rocks.
- **Asylum (n)** (پناہ) (دارالامان، تحفظ کی جگہ) Protection or place for shelter
Synonyms: Sanatorium
Antonyms: Open Space
Being chased away by their own countrymen, the Armenians took asylum in a neighbouring country.
- **Atelier (n)** (نقاش خانہ، ورکشاپ) (مخصوص مجسم سازوں اور معوروں کے کام کرنے کا کمرہ) Studio, workshop
Synonyms: Gallery, Salon, Workroom
Antonyms: Bedroom, Waiting Room
Working from his small atelier, which was a sparsely furnished, rented room, Robert Duvall created some of his most exquisite paintings.
- **Atheistic (adj.)** (طہرانہ، الہاری) Denying the existence of god
Synonyms: Agnostic, Infidel
Antonyms: Believer, Devotee, Disciple

Being a confirmed atheist, he refused to participate in the religious ceremonies during his sister's wedding.

- **Atone (v)** (عطا کرنا، کفارہ ادا کرنا) Pay for
Synonyms: Compensate, Pay off
Antonyms: Defy, Deprive
He tried to atone for his unpleasant remarks by sending her some flowers, but she returned them with disdain.
- **Atrocity (n)** (سنگ دلی، ظلم، بے رحمی) Extreme wickedness, Cruel deeds (especially during war)
Synonyms: Sabotage, Vandalism
Antonyms: Kindness, Pleasantness
There were thousands of demonstrators at parliament hill protesting the atrocities of foreign governments with horrible human rights records.
- **Atrophied (adj.)** (لاغر، مریل) Wasted, emaciated
Synonyms: Withered, Cadaverous, Exhausted
Antonyms: Active, Industrious, Assiduous
Fearing an atrophy of the mind because of the boring and repetitive job, Simpson set out to seek some recreation that could utilise his creativity.
- **Attenuate (v & adj.)** (تخفیف کرنا، رقیق، پتلا) 1. To weaken or make thin 2. Slender, tapering gradually
Synonyms: Mitigate, Sap
Antonyms: Thicken, Accumulate
Though my interest in music has not attenuated, I have not been getting as much time to listen to music as I used to.
- **Attest (v)** (شہادت دینا، تصدیق کرنا) Give witness, or to testify
Synonyms: Assert, Affirm
Antonyms: Refute, Deny
The certificate required an attestation by a senior company official, without which the government secretary refused to accept it.
- **Attrition (n)** (گسائی، فرسودگی) Gradual wearing out
Synonyms: Abrasion, Erosion
Antonyms: Building, Strengthening
Repeated attacks from our armed forces led to the attrition of the enemy's strength. The enemy finally gave up.
- **Atypical (adj.)** (غلاف معمول، بے قاعدہ) Abnormal
Synonyms: Irregular
Antonyms: Normal
He has worked in various fields and departments, doing different kinds of jobs, hence his résumé is rather atypical.
- **Audacious (adj.)** (بڈا، گستاخ) Bold; Daring
Synonyms: Courageous, Dauntless, Intrepid
Antonyms: Coward, Timid
The robber made an audacious attempt to free himself from the grip of the huge dog by trying to fight with it, but his effort was in vain.

- **Augment** (v) (بڑھانا، بڑھانے) Increase or become greater
Synonyms: Magnify, Bloat
Antonyms: Retrench, Shrink
Though the instrument looked like a normal auger as used by a carpenter, it could bore holes through the hardest of metals.
- **Augur** (v) (پیش گوئی کرنا) To foretell or indicate an issue beforehand
Synonyms: Prognosticate, Presage, Portend
Antonyms: Conceal, Divulge, Expose
Finding this place to stay in this faraway area really augurs well for us; we should be reaching our destination within the next two days.
- **August** (adj.) (عالی شان، بلند پایہ) Very impressive
Synonyms: Majestic, Impressive
Antonyms: Humble, Modest
In my unimpressive clothes, I found myself rather out of place in the august gathering that consisted of the high and mighty of the city.
- **Auspicious** (adj.) (نیک شگون، آسودہ) Of good omen
Synonyms: Sacred, Propitious
Antonyms: Inauspicious, Fateful
With my finding this new job, the year has begun quite auspiciously for me.
- **Austere** (adj.) (درشت، حد سے زیادہ سادہ) Morally strict, Severely simple
Synonyms: Rigorous, Stringent, Rugged
Antonyms: Sybaritic,
For two years, he lived an austere life of a monk in the foothills of the Himalayas.
- **Authentic** (v) (حقیق ثابت کرنا، توثیق کرنا) To prove genuine
Synonyms: Substantiate
Antonyms: (Authentic), Spurious, Ersatz, Bogus
Though there is no way that I can authenticate this painting as a Salvador Dali, it looks very much to be a Dali original.
- **Authoritarian** (adj. & n) (آمریت پسند، کالمرنڈ) (person) favouring obedience to authority as opposite to individual liberty
Synonyms: Peremptory, Autocratic, Despot, Tyrannical
Antonyms: Kind, Favourable
My father has often told me of the authoritarian nature of his father, and how he rebelled against it to start life on his own at the young age of 17.
- **Authoritative** (adj.) (حاکمانہ، عالم) Possessing or claiming authority
Synonyms: Commanding, Unassailable
Antonyms: Obeying, Tenuous
In an authoritative tone, the principal asked the boys to leave the hostel common room in a single file.
- **Autocrat** (n) (مطلق العنان حاکم، چار) Person with supreme power
Synonyms: Potentate, Sovereign
Antonyms: Servant, Devotee

Within a few years, the democratic system of government in the island nation had degenerated into an autocracy, with the President gaining supreme command of all systems of the government.

- **Automaton** (n) (خود حرکتی، روبوٹ) The mechanism that imitates actions of human beings
Synonyms: Robot, Zombie
Antonyms: Human
The instructor made it clear that he did not want the recruits to work like automatons, but apply their minds to the job in creative ways.
- **Autonomous** (adj.) (خود مختار، خود انتیاری) Self-governing
Synonyms: Unfettered, Autarchic, Sovereign
Antonyms: Dependent
Another common form of autonomous violence is self-mutilation.
- **Autopsy** (n) (لاش کا پتھن معائنہ) Post-mortem examination, Personal inspection
Synonyms: Necropsy, Pathological Examination
Antonyms: Physical Examination
The autopsy carried out on the victim has confirmed that the cause of the death was arsenic poisoning.
- **Auxiliary** (adj. & n) (مداد، ذیلی) (Person or thing) that gives help
Synonyms: Subsidiary, Ancillary, Appurtenant
Antonyms: Main, Principal
Someone second in command is an auxiliary to the person in charge.
- **Avarice** (n) (لاچ، حرص) Greed for gain
Synonyms: Cupidity, Covetousness
Antonyms: Altruism, Philanthropy
His avarice for quick gains became the single biggest factor for the failure of the company.
- **Aver** (v) (دو ق سے کہنا، دعویٰ سے کہنا) Assert, affirm
Synonyms: Asseverate, Claim
Antonyms: Deny, Refute, Rebuff
Despite clear evidence to the contrary, the man still averred that he had never met the person accused of stealing the painting collection.
- **Avert** (v) (دور کرنا، ہال ہال پھرتا) 1. To prevent 2. To turn away eyes from
Synonyms: Avoid, Forestall, Evade
Antonyms: Help, Face, Meet
In an attempt to avert a head-on collision, she swerved and struck a tree.
- **Avid** (adj.) (شوقین، پرجوش) Eager and enthusiastic
Synonyms: Fervent, Zealous
Antonyms: Loath, Reluctant
Being an avid admirer of the rock band, he was ready to travel in the heat for over six hours to be at their rock concert.
- **Avocation** (n) (فرمت کا مشغلہ، پیشہ) Side-business; Minor occupation
Synonyms: Pastime, Side interest
Antonyms: Vocation, Work, Profession
Even after he became the director of the advertising agency, he continued teaching at his old institute as an avocation.

- **Avow** (v) (اعتراف کرنا، اپنی کسی غلطی کو مان لینا) To declare openly
Synonyms: Divulge, State, Declare
Antonyms: Censure, Repudiate
 Though in the beginning, he denied all the charges of corruption against him, he has now avowed his involvement in the fraud case.
- **Awe** (n & v) (حیرت، رعب، دہش) Wonder, Surprise
Synonyms: Veneration, Esteem, Reverence
Antonyms: Coolness, Expectation, Familiarity
 The children are in absolute awe of the magician who can make chocolates and toys appear out of thin air.
- **Awry** (adverb & adj.) (خمیدہ طور پر، مڑا ہوا) 1. Crookedly 2. Distorted, Crooked
Synonyms: Amiss, Astray, Askance
Antonyms: On course, Good, Right
 Though a learned man, his clothes are often so hopelessly awry that anyone can assume him to have come from a slum.
- **Axiom** (n) (مسئلہ بات، بدیہی حقیقت) Self-evident proof that does not require any proof
Synonyms: Postulate, Conception, Maxim
Antonyms: Absurdity, Ambiguity, Foolishness
 The boxer successfully proved the old axiom that the one who attacks first is always at an advantage.

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST

SYNONYMS

1. **Abeyance**
 (a) Interlude (b) Continuance
 (c) Commendable (d) None of these
2. **Abseil**
 (a) Climb (b) Fall
 (c) Roomy (d) None of these
3. **Abut**
 (a) Fringe (b) Be inside
 (c) Tailless (d) None of these
4. **Affray**
 (a) Truce (b) Disproportionate
 (c) Altercation (d) None of these
5. **Agility**
 (a) Contemporary (b) Deftness
 (c) Clumsiness (d) None of these
6. **Alacrity**
 (a) Promptness (b) Sluggishness
 (c) Apathy (d) None of these
7. **Alienate**
 (a) Harmonise (b) Subsistence
 (c) Estrange (d) None of these

8. **Aloof**
 (a) Sociable (b) Remote
 (c) Feud (d) None of these
9. **Amenity**
 (a) Quandary (b) Worsen
 (c) Provision (d) None of these
10. **Anaemia**
 (a) Plethora (b) Chlorosis
 (c) Hypnotic (d) None of these

ANTONYMS

11. **Aberrant**
 (a) Divergent (b) Diminish
 (c) Persistent (d) None of these
12. **Acclaim**
 (a) Applaud (b) Billingsgate
 (c) Confederate (d) None of these
13. **Affectation**
 (a) Sarcasm (b) Exaggeration
 (c) Authentication (d) None of these
14. **Aloft**
 (a) Uphill (b) Gregarious
 (c) Descending (d) None of these
15. **Animadversion**
 (a) Remonstrance (b) Commendation
 (c) Vivacious (d) None of these
16. **Apotheosis**
 (a) Aggrandisement (b) Devaluation
 (c) Aphorism (d) None of these
17. **Appurtenance**
 (a) Isolated (b) Contingency
 (c) Antagonism (d) None of these
18. **Artifice**
 (a) Stratagem (b) Candour
 (c) Taciturn (d) None of these
19. **Atrocity**
 (a) Vandalism (b) Assiduous
 (c) Pleasantness (d) None of these
20. **Aver**
 (a) Reluctant (b) Tyrannical
 (c) Rebuff (d) None of these

ANSWERS

1.	a	2.	b	3.	a	4.	c	5.	b
6.	a	7.	c	8.	b	9.	c	10.	b
11.	c	12.	b	13.	a	14.	c	16.	b
16.	b	17.	a	18.	b	19.	c	20.	c

B

- **Babble** (v & n) (بک بک کرنا سرسراہٹ جیسے کسی نڈی کے بپے کی) 1. To talk quickly and unclearly. Hence, such confused talk (*usu. by a group of people*) which is difficult to understand. 2. A sound like that of a steam running gently over rounded stones
Synonyms: Gibberish, Twaddle, Patter
Antonyms: Quiet, Sense, Wisdom
I patiently tried to understand what she was trying to convey, but even after listening to her for nearly ten minutes, I had no idea what she was babbling about.
- **Babel** (n) (گڑبڑ، شور، جھج) Scene of confusion, noisy assembly
Synonyms: Tumult, Hullabaloo
Antonyms: Quiet, Silence
After the results were announced, the babble and utter chaos in the classroom continued undiminished till the principal himself entered the room.
- **Bacchanalia** (n) (مخل جام ویتا) A loud and noisy party, esp. one with a lot of drinking and disorderly behaviour
Synonyms: Revelry, District, Jurisdiction
Antonyms: Outside
As soon as the election results were announced, the entire town broke into bacchanalian celebrations that continued till early hours of the morning.
- **Badger** (v & n) (دیشان کرنا بچو) 1. Irritate, Persuade by asking repeatedly 2. Grey-coated strong-jawed nocturnal mammal
Synonyms: I. Hector, Pester
Antonyms: Encourage, Arouse
Although the children continuously badgered him to make him agree to their small wishes, he remained quite calm and unperturbed.
- **Badinage** (n) (تسخیر، تخریل، غلطی) Playful and non-serious talk
Synonyms: Banter, Persiflage, Raillery
Antonyms: Sobriety
He sternly told her that he had had enough of the badinage and wanted to have a serious discussion with her over their future.
- **Baffle** (v) (بکرا دینا حیران کرنا) To surprise and confuse to the extent that effective action is not possible
Synonyms: Bewilder, Confound, Perplex
Antonyms: Enlighten, Explain
I was completely baffled at her sudden change of attitude towards me; for some strange reason, she was not ready to even talk to me.

- **Bailiwick** (n) (کسی کا دائرہ اثر یا دائرہ اختیار) A person's special province or domain, one's sphere of operations
The police officer simply refused to register my complaint, saying that the place where the theft was committed was out of his bailiwick.
- **Bait** (n & v) (ترغیب، پارہ یا کوئی اور شے کاٹنے میں لگانا جو پھلتی یا دیگر جانور شکار کرنے کا ذریعہ تھیں) Food or other material used to attract an animal or fish (and figuratively, a person also) in order to catch it. Hence, to offer as a bait.
Synonyms: Inducement, Decoy
Antonyms: Dissuade, Prevent
In addition to a hefty increase in his salary, the company also offered him a car as bait, but he had made up his mind to quit the job.
- **Baleful** (adj.) (تباہ کن، ہلک، برا) Dangerous and sinister, Destructive
Synonyms: Ruinous, Malignant
Antonyms: Beneficent, Favourable
The little child felt threatened by the baleful looks of the old man, and immediately rushed to the comforting arms of her mother.
- **Balk** (v) (رکاوٹ ڈالنا) 1. To be unwilling to proceed on an action, To stop short of doing something, 2. To act as an obstacle, To hinder or thwart
Synonyms: Demure, Hesitate, Recoil
Antonyms: Aid, Help
1. Not willing to be involved in any controversy, they balked at the idea of reporting the matter to the police.
- **Ballast** (n & v) (توازن قائم کرنا، جہاز کو متوازن کرنے والا وزنی سامان) 1. That which gives stability 2. Furnish with such thing
Synonyms: Counterbalance, Fastener, Foothold
Antonyms: Drop, Fall
There was nothing on the boat which could be used as a ballast, and as the severe storm approached, they found themselves in a helpless situation.
- **Ballyhoo** (n & v) (شور شرابا، جڑ بونگ، بے تماشیا سنسنی خیز تقشیر) Misleading, vulgar or noisy publicity
Synonyms: Hoopla, Hype, Plug
Antonyms: Silence, Stillness, Tranquillity
Amidst the ballyhoo of TV commercials for various products from computers to washing soaps, this quiet advertisement for Care for the underprivileged stands out in many ways.
- **Baloney** (n) (بے ہدائی) Nonsense
Synonyms: Prattle, Gossip, Bunkum
Antonyms: Sense, Sagacity, Rationality
All that he said about the advantages of that drug sounded like utter baloney to me; I know for a fact that the drug is absolutely useless.
- **Banal** (adj.) (عام بے وقعت، فرسودہ) Very ordinary, Boring
Synonyms: Insipid, Mediocre, Prosaic, Hackneyed
Antonyms: Original, Fresh, New
What looked like a rather banal idea to begin with for a cola advertisement, soon took the shape of one of the most amazing TV commercials of all times.

- **Bandy (v)** (بحث کرنا) To discuss
Synonyms: Discuss, Exchange, Spar
Antonyms: Harmonise, Ignore, Overlook
 The idea was banded around the conference table for over forty minutes, before finally being dropped.
- **Bane (n)** (آفت، مصیبت، بربادی) The cause of ruin or destruction, The source of irreparable harm
Synonyms: Affliction, Malediction, Calamity
Antonyms: Boon, Blessing
 The untimely drought has proved to be a bane for most families living in these villages, bringing with it unprecedented misery and hunger.
- **Banter (n & v)** (فنی مذاق) 1. Playful, good-humoured ridicule 2) To tease or exchange remarks in good humour
Synonyms: Jest, Badinage, Repartee
Antonyms: Bully, Force, Repel
 He misinterpreted her good-humoured banter to be an insult and left her place in a huff.
- **Barb (n)** (تیر کی نوک، پھل پکڑنے والے کانے کی نوک) 1. Pointed comment 2. Sharp projection from fishhook
Synonyms: Spur, Cusp
Antonyms: Kindness, Praise
 Provoked by his friend's continuous barbs at him for losing in the first round of the tournament, Samad flung his tennis racket at Gerome.
- **Barefaced (adj.)** (بے شرم، محکم کھلا دلیرانہ ڈاکر) 1. Shameless, Bold 2) Unconcealed
Synonyms: Blatant, Audacious
Antonyms: Prudish, Pedantic
 It wasn't difficult to see through his barefaced lies; but no one had the guts to challenge his words.
- **Barmy (adj.)** (امعتانہ، بیخود) Foolish, crazy
Synonyms: Daft, Loopy
Antonyms: Intelligent, Cunning
 The idea of setting up a company with such a ridiculously small amount of money sounds rather barmy to me.
- **Baroque (adj. & n)** (آرائشی انداز، بے وزن حد تک مختلف) Of a highly ornate style
Synonyms: Lavish, Flamboyant
Antonyms: Plain, Unadorned
 The baroque architecture on the walls of this monument, with its intricate design and weaving patterns, is typical of the architectural style of the 17th century Belgium.
- **Barrage (n)** (دشمن کی پیش قدمی روکنے کے لیے توپوں کی بار) Barrier laid down by artillery fire
Synonyms: Mdss, Onslaught, Plethora
Antonyms: Truce, Ceasefire
 Trapped in a barrage of firing from all sides, the valiant young soldier fought with all his might till his last breath.

- **Barrister (n)** (وکیل، بیرسٹر) A lawyer; Counsellor-at-law
Synonyms: Attorney, Solicitor
Antonyms: Arbitrator, Judge
 After completing his law degree next year, he hopes to join his father, a noted barrister, as an assistant.
- **Bask (v)** (دمچھ سیکنا) To take pleasure in warmth
Synonyms: Luxuriate, Relish, Revel
Antonyms: Cool, Freeze
 My grandfather likes to spend most of his daytime basking in the sunshine in our garden.
- **Bated (adj.)** (روک دینا (فعل)) Controlled or restrained
Synonyms: Deduct, Remit
Antonyms: Include, Regard
 The crowd outside the election office waited for the results of the election with bated breath.
- **Bauble (n)** (بیکاری کوئی نمائشی چیز، کوئی غیر اہم معاملہ) A worthless, showy ornament or any other object. Also, any unimportant issue
Synonyms: Gimmick, Knickknack, Trifle
Antonyms: Plainness
 That earring is just a cheap bauble, don't get taken in by its shine!
- **Bawdy (adj.)** (فحش، بیخود، دہلیز) Indecent, Obscene
Synonyms: Obscene, Vulgar, Indecent, Ribald
Antonyms: Refined, Sublime, Sophisticated
 Though most people in the group found his bawdy jokes in very poor taste, there were those who enjoyed themselves to the hilt.
- **Bayou (n)** (دریا کی دلدلی شاخ، ست رو پانی کا حلقہ) A small sluggish offshoot of river (smaller than a tributary)
Synonyms: Inlet, Cove, Lagoon, Firth
 A narrow bayou flowed near the dwellings, adding to the charm of the peaceful rural environment.
- **Beatific (adj.)** (سرت بخش) Displaying great peace and happiness
Synonyms: Blissful, Sublime
Antonyms: Impish, Mischievous
 The beatific smile on an innocent infant's face is among the most beautiful sights in the world.
- **Beatitude (n)** (روحانی خوشی) Blessedness
Synonyms: Bliss, Ecstasy, Pleasure
Antonyms: Curse, Nuisance, Blight
 Her favourite Beatitude is 'Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth'.
- **Bedevel (v)** (مستقل طور پر مصیبت میں ڈالنا) To be a cause for continuous trouble and difficulty
Synonyms: Irritate, Provoke, Torment
Antonyms: Please, Soothe, Relieve
 Since inception, the project has been bedevilled by unexpected delays and arguments between the company directors.

- **Bedizen** (v) (بھڑکیے انداز سے لباس کرنا) To dress showily
Synonyms: Brighten, Burnish
Antonyms: Strip bare
 Bedizened in their most colourful clothes, the village folk had turned out in great numbers at the annual music and theatre festival.
- **Bedlam** (n) (غل فغاں، ہنگام) A place or activity filled with chaos and commotion. Noisy and unruly activity
Synonyms: Disquietude, Furore, Madhouse
Antonyms: Calm, Peace, Quiet
 The scene in the children's room when their mother returned was one of complete bedlam and disorder.
- **Bedraggled** (adj.) (دش یا کچڑ سے گلیا، سیانہ پگھلا ہوا) Thoroughly wet
Synonyms: Drenched, Dripping, Faded
Antonyms: Dried, Dehydrated, Desiccated
 His bedraggled appearance made it obvious that he had been caught in the pouring rain.
- **Befuddle** (v) (پہیشان کر دینا) To confuse
Synonyms: Baffle, Muddle, Bewilder
Antonyms: Clear, Lucid, Unambiguous
 It was apparent from the befuddled expression on his face that he had not understood a word of what I had explained.
- **Beget** (v) (باعث ہونا پیدا کرنا) To give rise to; To produce
Synonyms: Spawn, Create
Antonyms: Kill, Eliminate
 Violence can never be a solution to this turmoil; it will only beget more violence.
- **Begrudge** (v) (دل سے پسند نہ کرنا، حسد کرنا) Feel or show dissatisfaction at something
Synonyms: Resent, Envy
Antonyms: Accept, Approve
 His lectures on sociology are so tedious that almost everyone in the class begrudges attending them.
- **Beguile** (v) (دھوکا دینا، فریب کرنا) 1. Cheat, Do something deceitful 2. To spend time (usu.) in a pleasant way
Synonyms: Swindle, Hoax
Antonyms: Guileless, Ingenuous
 1. I was beguiled by him into believing that he was a representative of the company.
 2. We beguiled the long hours as we waited for the train by playing Scrabbles and recounting anecdotes.
- **Behemoth** (n) (عجیب و غریب بڑا کوئی جانور) Huge creature or monster
Synonyms: Huge, Leviathan, Mammoth
Antonyms: Dwarf, Midget, Runt
 The bureaucracy in Pakistan has turned into a virtual behemoth employing about twice as many people as are required to run things efficiently.

- **Beholden** (adj.) (منون، زیر بار احسان) Thankful, Feeling you have a duty to someone because they have done something for you
Synonyms: Obligated, Grateful
Antonyms: Free, Ungrateful
 Thank you for helping me find a job, I'm beholden to you.
- **Behove** (v) (ضروری یا مناسب ہونا) To be necessary, fit or proper
Synonyms: Befit, Beseem
Antonyms: Improper, Irrelevant
 It does not behove all of us to meet the principal for this; it is better if we elect a representative.
- **Belabour** (v) (کسی تصور یا دلیل کو بار بار دہراتا) 1. To attack, especially verbally 2. Explain something in a laborious way
Synonyms: Vituperate, Denounce, Malign, Vilify
Antonyms: Ignore, Overlook, Praise
 In his zeal to impress the audience, the presidential candidate belaboured his points in his speech to such an extent that the campaign manager had to indicate him to stop.
- **Belch** (v & n) (ڈکار لینا) 1. Send out wind noisily from stomach through mouth. Also send out from an opening or funnel 2. Act of belching
Synonyms: Disgorge, Emit, Eruct
Antonyms: Contain, Refrain, Repress
 After devouring the large, sumptuous meal, the overblown man let out a loud belch.
- **Beleaguer** (v) (سلسل پریشان کرنا) 1. To worry and annoy continuously, Harass 2. To surround so as to prevent escape, Besiege
Synonyms: Gnaw, Aggravate
Antonyms: Gratify, Soothe
 The beleaguered parents had no option but to take their deviant child to a child psychiatrist.
- **Belie** (v) (جھوٹی خبر دینا، مخالفت کرنا) Give a false notion of, Contradict
Synonyms: Garble, Varnish
Antonyms: Attest, Prove
 Belying all expectations, the ace tennis star lost to an unknown German in the first round of the US Open.
- **Belittle** (v) (کم کر کے دکھانا، اہمیت نہ دینا) To cause to appear small or unimportant, Disparage
Synonyms: Ridicule, Denigrate
Antonyms: Amplify, Aggrandise
 Being extremely jealous by nature, Sue tried her best to belittle the achievement of her younger sister in front of their parents.
- **Bellicose** (adj.) (لڑاکا، جنگجو، جھڑوا) Wishing to fight
Synonyms: Belligerent, Pugnacious, Contentious
Antonyms: Easygoing, Pacifistic, Peaceful
 The tribal in the western part of this state are known for their bellicosity and ferociousness, so it is not advisable to make this trip by night.

- **Belligerent** (adj & n) (جنگ میں شریک) 1. (Nation, party or person) waging regular war as recognised by the law of nations 2. Any opponent engaged in conflict
Synonyms: Combat, Stroppy
Antonyms: Aide, Supporter
Seeing the belligerent mood of the protesters of the Anti-Evacuation Bill, the mayor requested for some additional police force.
- **Bemused** (adj.) (مغرب و محو) Preoccupied; Confused; Lost in thoughts
Synonyms: Distrail, Perplexed, Bewildered
Antonyms: Alert, Attentive, Aware
The old man bemused me with his babbling.
- **Benediction** (n) (برکت) A blessing, usu. at the end of church service. Also, any kind of blessing
Synonyms: Invocation, Petition
Antonyms: Anathema
His casual suggestion proved to be a benediction for me as I got cured of my allergy by following his advice.
- **Benefactor** (n) (مہربان) A person who works for the good of others or who donates money for a good purpose
Synonyms: Patron, Sponsor
Antonyms: Opponent, Challenger, Antagonist
The formation of this school for the blind was possible only because of the contribution of an unknown benefactor, who donated a sum of Rs.100,000 for its establishment.
- **Beneficent** (adj.) (نیک و مہربان) Kindly, Generous
Synonyms: Benevolent, Magnificent, Altruistic, Bountiful
Antonyms: Malevolent, Malevolent
Thanks to his beneficent uncle, who offered to bear his entire tuition fees, he was able to complete an MBA degree and get this plum job.
- **Beneficiary** (n) (فائدہ اٹھانے والا) A person entitled to benefits of a policy
Synonyms: Inheritor, Heir, Scion
Antonyms: Ancestor, Benefactor
No one could ever have imagined that Shahid could be among the beneficiaries in his Aunt's will.
- **Benevolent** (adj.) (خیر خواہ) Inclined to help others, Generous
Synonyms: Beneficent, Magnanimous
Antonyms: Malevolent, Merciful
The benevolent chairman of the company offered to sponsor the education of the child whose father had been crippled in an accident in the company's premises.
- **Benign** (adj.) (مہربان و خیر خواہ) of a gentle disposition, gracious, kind, harmless
Synonyms: Benevolent, Kind
Antonyms: Malignant, Wicked
I always thought that Talir was a rather benign soul who wouldn't hurt a fly, so I'm surprised that he would have used such abusive words for you.
- **Bequeath** (v) (ویرست کے طور پر دینا) Leave to someone by means of a will
Synonyms: Legate, Entrust, Grant
The industrialist bequeathed his entire wealth to a charitable trust, wishing that the money should be used for constructing schools and hospitals for the needy.
- **Berate** (v) (بہ زور لہجہ سے تلامت کرنا) To scold strongly
Synonyms: Castigate, Decry, Censure
Antonyms: Eulogise
The minister publicly berated the journalist, accusing him of publishing a false report about him in the newspaper.
- **Bereavement** (n) (محرومی، غم، پرہیز) The state of being deprived of something valuable. Also, the death of a close relative or friend.
Synonyms: Anguish, Dolour, Suffering, Moore
Antonyms: Deprive, Refuse, Take
Having lost his 20-year old son in an accident, the mill-owner could never get over his bereavement.
- **Bereft** (adj.) (محروم) Lacking
Synonyms: Divested, Fleeced, Impoverished
Antonyms: Bursting, Blissful
Even as he heard the harsh judgement against him, his face was bereft of any expression of dejectedness.
- **Berserk** (n & adj.) (بے قابو، تشدد) Out of control and violent
Synonyms: Frenzied, Hyperactive
Antonyms: Sane, Rational
As soon as the young film star who had created a sensation in his debut film stepped on the stage, the crowd went absolutely berserk with joy and enthusiasm.
- **Beseech** (v) (منت سماجت کرنا، التجا کرنا) Ask or plead earnestly
Synonyms: Adjure, Implore
Antonyms: Give, Offer
His mother beseeched him to have breakfast before leaving, but he wouldn't listen and left in a hurry.
- **Beset** (v) (مشکلات سے گھرا ہوا ہونا) To be full of, or surrounded by, usu. difficulties
Synonyms: Tormented, Beleaguer, Entangle
Antonyms: Comfort, Help, Solace
The route across the Alps was beset with danger and difficulties, yet Hannibal and his small group of soldiers managed to cross the rugged mountainous terrain.
- **Besmirch** (v) (پورنگ کر دینا، میل کر دینا) To soil or discolour. Also, to damage the reputation or honour of a person
Synonyms: Slander, Denigrate, Calumniate
Antonyms: Praise, Dignify
The newspaper article about his secret love affair outside his marriage has totally besmirched his reputation; there's no way he can think of standing for election.

- **Besotted** (adj.) (دخندہ، دھندل) Completely in love with
Synonyms: Obsessed, Fanatical
Antonyms: Uninterested, Indifferent
 Ali was too besotted with Shahida to realize that she was merely using him to gain some information.
- **Bestial** (adj.) (بیہوش، بے رحم) Inhuman, Cruel, like a beast
Synonyms: Feral, Untamed
Antonyms: Noble, Humane
 A Warwick man has been sentenced to life in prison for bestiality and other crimes.
- **Bestow** (v) (عطا کرنا، دینا) Confer (thing) (up) on (person) as gift
Synonyms: Impart, Furnish
Antonyms: Take, Withdraw
 After the retirement of Dr. Asim, the Chancellorship of the university was bestowed upon Dr. Aftab, who had once been a student of Dr. Asim.
- **Bête Noire** (n) (نفرت انگیز) A person or object that evokes fear or dislike in a particular person
Synonyms: Rival, Trouble
Antonyms: Angel, god
 The newly appointed Chancellor of the university is Prof. Kamran old bête noir—the two had once publicly assailed each other over a rather trivial issue.
- **Betroth** (v) (عقد کرنا) To become engaged to marry
Synonyms: Espouse, Affiance, Commit
Antonyms: Divorce, Leave, Separate
 They remained betrothed for nearly two years before formally tying the knot.
- **Bevel** (n) (مائل کنارہ والا سطح) A slanting edge or surface
Synonyms: Oblique, Cant
Antonyms: Upright, Vertical
 The bevelled edge of this picture frame makes the picture in it looks bigger than it actually is.
- **Bevy** (n) (ایک جیسے لوگوں یا چیزوں کا ایک بڑا گروپ) Large group or crowd, usu. of women, but also generally applied to any large group of similar things
Synonyms: Covey, Drove
 The bevy of laws and regulations that governed foreign trade in Pakistan till a decade ago was sufficient to put off even the most spirited importer from buying from Pakistan.
- **Bewilder** (v) (بے یار کرنا) Surprise and confuse, to such an extent that normal thinking is not possible
Synonyms: Baffle, Befuddle, Confound
Antonyms: Explain, Orient
 The news of the military coup sent waves of shock and bewilderment all over the country.

- **Bibulous** (adj.) (شرابی، سیرابی) Addicted to or fond of drinking
Synonyms: Boozy, Drunken
Antonyms: Impermeable
 Till the time that he gets rid of his bibulous ways and does not over indulge in alcohol, he will not be allowed in this club.
- **Bicker** (v) (لڑنا، جھگڑنا) Quarrel, Fight
Synonyms: Squabble, Contend
Antonyms: Individual, One
 The debate turned into thoughtless bickering.
- **Biennial** (adj. & n) (دو سالہ، دو سال کے عرصے میں ایک مرتبہ ہونے والا) Occurring once every two years
Synonyms: Biannual
Antonyms: Annual
 Since the cricket series has been planned as a biennial event, it will now only be held next year, not this year.
- **Bifurcate** (adj.) (دو شاخہ، دو سرا) Forked
Synonyms: Ramify, Separate, Split
Antonyms: Combine, Join
 All of a sudden, the river bifurcated into two streams flowing separate ways, and we had no idea which one to take.
- **Bigotry** (n) (تعصب) Hostile and obstinate prejudice against a group, race, religion etc
Synonyms: Prejudice, Dogmatism, Racism
Antonyms: Fairness, Cooperation
 Analysts believe that the resurgence of bigotry and hatred between the members of the two religions has been fuelled by some narrow-minded politicians who can gain some political mileage out of this.
- **Bilge** (n & v) (اقتانہ گفتگو، بچکانہ گفتگو) Worthless talk
Synonyms: Balderdash, Bull, Malarkey
Antonyms: Assets, Possessions, Valuables
 No longer willing to be bored by his useless bilge, I simply walked out of the room.
- **Bilious** (adj.) (چڑچڑاہ، زور دینے والا) Caused or affected with liver trouble, because of which a person is always in a bad mood. Hence, any person who is upset or angry.
Synonyms: Whimsical, Queer
Antonyms: Blushing, Colourful, Flushed
 The bilious old man shouted at all the children playing near his garden and shoed them away.
- **Bilk** (v) (فریب دینا) Cheat, Ditch
Synonyms: Swindle, Defraud
Antonyms: Sincerity, Unaffectedness
 Within a few hours of landing in the Karachi, I was bilked out of my travellers checks by an organized gang of swindlers.

- **Bistro** (n) (ایک چھوٹا فیر کی ریسٹوران) Small bar or restaurant
Synonyms: Lounge, Restaurant, Tavern
 At the end of the street was a small bistro, serving cheap wine and meals, and I could hear loud and raucous voices coming from inside it.
- **Bivouac** (n & v) (آسان ستے پناؤ کی جگہ) 1. Temporary encampment 2. Remain temporarily (esp. in night)
Synonyms: Enclosure, Garrison
Antonyms: Depart, Forge,
 We decided to spend the night in our bivouac just a few kilometres short of our final destination.
- **Bizarre** (adj.) (عجیب و غریب، بڑا) Fantastic, Noticeably odd or strange
Synonyms: Grotesque, Monstrous
Antonyms: Commonplace, Humdrum
 I don't have any explanation for her bizarre behaviour at last night's party, though I'm sure that she is quite apologetic about it.
- **Blanch** (v) (رنگ کاٹنا، سفید کرنا) To make or become white or pale,
Synonyms: Eriolate, Bleach, Whiten
Antonyms: Colourful
 Mobin visibly blanched when he heard the news of his mother's unexpected demise.
- **Bland** (adj.) (کم رنگ، ذائقے، دلچسپی یا گرم جوش والا) Without much taste (of food etc.) Also, showing no strong feelings or other noticeable qualities
Synonyms: Insipid, Tedious, Prosaic
Antonyms: Piquant, Spicy
 The national news channel gave a rather bland coverage of the election campaign, whereas the privately owned channels aired several juicy stories related to the campaign.
- **Blandishment** (n) (چکنی چڑی جیسی باتیں) Flattering or coaxing speech or action
Synonyms: Sycophancy, Wheedling
Antonyms: Criticism, Denunciation
 Resisting at first, the child soon gave in to the blandishments of the stranger and agreed to go to the park with him.
- **Blarney** (n & v) (پاپائی، سکارنہ گفتگو) Flattering talk with intention to deceive
Synonyms: Cajolery, Flattery, Gallantry, Adulation
Antonyms: Sense, Advice, Informative
 He's tried to blarney several people to buy the stolen sunglasses, but no one seemed interested.
- **Blasé** (adj.) (بی مہمیز، تھکا) Tired or bored of pleasure or because of over-familiarity
Synonyms: Disinterested, Weary
Antonyms: Ardent, Enthusiastic
 The thought of flying used to excite me as a kid, but now I have been on an aircraft so often that I have become quite blasé about it.
- **Blasphemous** (adj.) (طہرانہ، گستاخانہ) Showing lack of respect (usu.) to God or religion
Synonyms: Profane, Impious, Sacrilegious
Antonyms: Pious, Religious, Reverent

- Because of his blasphemous remarks against Islam, Salman Rushdie is in hiding for the last many years.
- **Blatant** (adj.) (منہ پھٹ، بے پردہ) Very obvious; Loudly offensive
Synonyms: Conspicuous, Obrusive, Overt
Antonyms: Incenspicious, Quiet, Subtle,
 Critics have attacked the book as a blatant distortion of facts in order to please Government.
 - **Bleak** (adj.) (ناخوشگوار، ناامید) Cheerless, Dull, Hopeless
Synonyms: Desolate, Melancholy
Antonyms: Cheerful, Lively
 His blood pressure has fallen to such a low level that the doctors feel that chances of survival are bleak.
 - **Blight** (adj.) (بے آشوب، برباد) Destroy, Badly affected by a disease
Synonyms: Shriveled, Spoil, Taint
Antonyms: Guard, Help, Prosper
 His knee injury blighted his chances of participating in the tennis tournament.
 - **Blithe** (adj.) (بے فکر، خوش مزاج، مسرور) Having no worry, Very happy, Without any care
Synonyms: Buoyant, Optimistic
Antonyms: Grave, Weltschmerz
 He spoke with blithe ignorance of the true situation.
 - **Bloated** (adj.) (پھولا ہوا، ابھرا ہوا) Puffed or swollen
Synonyms: Pompous, Magisterial
Antonyms: Deflated, Shrunken
 He had been brought up in a luxurious and pampered environment, which was the main reason behind his bloated ego and wasteful ways.
 - **Blubber** (v) (بلبلانا، دھواڑیں مار کر رونا) To cry in a noisy and childish way
Synonyms: Cry, Sniffle, Snivel
Antonyms: Smile, Laugh
 The infant started blubbering as soon as his mother moved out of his sight.
 - **Bludgeon** (n & v) (ڈنڈے سے مارنا، ٹوٹا) 1. Heavy headed stick 2. To strike repeatedly with a heavy stick
Synonyms: Cudgel, Fustigate
Antonyms: Coax, Compliment, Praise
 The police have located the thick metal rod with which the boy was mercilessly bludgeoned to death.
 - **Blurt** (v) (اچانک بول اٹھنا، پھٹ پڑنا) Speak up impulsively
Synonyms: Jabber, Leak, Spout
Antonyms: Calm, Quiet
 He blurted out the secret.
 - **Bluster** (v & n) (اکڑفوں دکھانا، چلا چلا کر بات کرنا) To speak in a loud, angry or rough manner. Hence, loud and boastful talk
Synonyms: Harangue, Sermonise
Antonyms: Dialogue, Be quiet

By blustering at the top of his voice, the teacher was trying his best to control the class but the children continued their unruly behaviour.

- **Bode** (v) (پیش گوئی کرنا، شگون دینا) To be a sign of the things to come in the future
Synonyms: Indicate, Omen, Predict
These signs bode bad news.
- **Bogus** (adj.) (جعلی، بتائی) Not authentic, Fictitious
Synonyms: Counterfeit, Fraudulent, Spurious
Antonyms: Authentic, Genuine
The market research report he presented to the company was a completely bogus one; it later came to light that he had not conducted any survey and had made up the figures himself.
- **Bogy** (n) (بے بنیاد خوف پیدا کرنے والی چیز) A particular fear, usually unexplained and unreasonable
Synonyms: Bugbear, Phobia
Antonyms: Mania, Obsession
She has instilled the fear of the devil in the child as a bogy, so that whenever he misbehaves, she threatens him that the devil will come and take him.
- **Bohemian** (adj. & n) (آزاد مشرب، ناپاکی) Socially unconventional (person) esp. artist or writer, of free and easy habits, manners etc
Synonyms: Beatnik, Dilettante, Flower Child
Antonyms: Conformist, Obeying
The actress, with her new-found fame, started leading a Bohemian life – in total contrast to her upbringing which had been a very conventional and conservative one.
- **Boisterous** (adj.) (طوفانی، تند و تیز، غل غماتے والی) Rough and Violent (usu. of human behaviour)
Synonyms: Turbulent, Riotous, Raucous
Antonyms: Peaceful, Nonviolent
I thought him to be a rather calm and composed person, so his boisterous behaviour at the party last night took me by complete surprise.
- **Bolster** (v) (شوری، جرات دلانا) To add in support of, To strengthen
Synonyms: Facilitate, Ease
Antonyms: Undermine, Demoralise
Bolstered by the reinforcements sent in by the headquarters, the troops attacked the enemy with a renewed vigour.
- **Bombast** (n) (بڑھ چڑھ کر کی گئی باتیں، برا بول) High-sounding but insincere words which do not mean much
Synonyms: Pretentiousness, Bluster, Bravado
Antonyms: Deprecation, Modesty
With his bombastic speeches, he managed to win the support of the largely uneducated and gullible rural masses who were totally unaware of his evil intentions.

- **Boorish** (adj.) (گنوار، اچھا، غیر مہذب) Rude, harsh and insensitive
Synonyms: Brusque, Impolite, Coarse
Antonyms: Suave, Debonair, Courteous
Being accustomed to a gentle and polite environment, she was utterly revolted by the sheer boorishness of the kidnappers.
- **Bootleg** (v & adj.) (غیر قانونی طور پر شراب بنانا) To make, carry, or sell alcohol illegally. Hence, such illegal alcohol or other items
Synonyms: Prohibited, Contraband
Antonyms: Legal, Permitted, Allowed
The police have seized 1000 cases of bootlegged whisky from that wine store.
- **Botch** (v & n) (بھڑے طریقے سے اچھا کرنا) To make, express or perform in a clumsy manner, to fail because of carelessness or clumsiness
Synonyms: Bungle, Fizzle, Stumble
Antonyms: Complete, Achieve, Succeed
In her eagerness to perform well on the stage, she became so nervous that she nearly botched up her recitation.
- **Boudoir** (n) (زنان خانہ، خاتون کی خلوت گاہ) A woman's dressing room, bedroom or private sitting room
She was so authoritative that even her husband had to think twice before entering her personal boudoir.
- **Bounty** (n) (نفاذی، عطیہ، خیر رقم) 1. A sum of money paid as a reward, 2. Generosity, 3. A huge amount, Large number
Synonyms: Gratuity, Largess, Bonus
Antonyms: Penalty, Punishment
The police has offered a bounty of Rs.50,000 to anyone who provides correct information about the absconding criminal
- **Bourgeois** (n & adj.) (بورژوا، متوسط طبقے کا فرد) Member of middle class, Person of conventional middle-class ideas
Synonyms: Philistine, Victorian, Hidebound
Antonyms: Adventurous, Imaginative, Inspired
Though he himself was once a part of it, he now openly despises the bourgeois society finding it too unsophisticated and possessive.
- **Bout** (n) (مرض کا دورہ، دنگل) 1. A brief period of illness or involvement in an activity 2. A boxing or wrestling match
Synonyms: Session, Shift, Spell
Antonyms: Health, Saving
The boxing match was scheduled as a 15 round bout.
- **Bovine** (adj.) (تیل جیسا، بے مغز) Belonging to the cattle family, Cow-like. Also, dull and slow (like a cow)
Synonyms: Churlish, Dense, Doltish
Antonyms: Delicate, Kind, Refined
He was a gentle, rather bovine person, leading a quiet life and not interfering with anyone else's.

- **Bowdlerize** (v) (فیلٹر کرنا) To remove objectionable matter from a book, film etc
Synonyms: Expurgate, Expunge, Sanitise
Antonyms: Adulterate, Incorporate
 The broadcasting ministry decided that the film can be telecast only after all the scenes which have a reference to the former Prime Minister have been bowdlerized.
- **Bower** (n) (ہلکا سا مکان) A pleasant and quiet place in a garden etc. made from tree branches and plant stems (in the shape of a small hut)
Synonyms: Copse, Grove
Antonyms: Room, Wall
 The couple sat for several hours under the bower on the beach, watching the sun set into the shimmering waters of the sea.
- **Brackish** (adj.) (لکڑی، چھانک) Slightly salty, and hence distasteful or nauseous
Synonyms: Saline, Salty
Antonyms: Sweet
 Tasting the water of the river we were on, I found the water to be brackish; so I could conclude that the sea was near.
- **Braggadocio** (n) (خالی بات، جھجھکی) 1. Empty boasting or bragging 2) Person who engages in such bragging
Synonyms: Swaggering, Pretension, Rodomontade
Antonyms: Meekness, Servility, Modesty
 Knowing his tendency to avoid any kind of risk, I was certain that his words were nothing but empty braggadocio.
- **Braise** (v) (دھما دھما کر پخت کرنا) To cook slowly in a covered dish in a little fat and liquid
Synonyms: Simmer, Fry
Antonyms: Boil
 The wonderful taste of this steak comes from braising it for nearly an hour and then garnishing it with an Indian mint-like herb.
- **Brandish** (v) (چھریاں اٹھانا) To hold something high in the air in a threatening or excited way
Synonyms: Disport, Exhibit, Expose
Antonyms: Conceal, Cover, Hide
 Suddenly, the bearded man on the front seat got up, brandished a gun so that it was visible to all the passengers, and commanded all the people present in the aircraft to sit with their heads lowered.
- **Brassy** (adj.) (ڈھیس، گستاخ) Bold and vulgar, not refined
Synonyms: Audacious, Insolent, Impertinent, Defiant
Antonyms: Sensible, Reasonable, Shrewd
 The high-society party was a rather brassy display of newly-acquired wealth and jewellery, and I came back from it quite disgusted.

- **Bravado** (n) (دکھاوے کی بہادری) A show of bravery, usu. done to gain attention and admiration
Synonyms: Pretension, Braggadocio
Antonyms: Cowardice, Modesty, Restraint
 In an act of sheer bravado, she walked up to the vice-principal and slapped him tightly on the face.
- **Brawn** (n) (پٹوں کی قوت) Muscular strength
 The brawny man had no wits.
- **Brazen** (adj.) (بے حیا، بے غیرت، ڈھیس) Shameless, Done without any attempt to be hidden
Synonyms: Blatant, Unabashed
Antonyms: Cautious, Watchful
 With brazen disregard for the code of conduct, the two players decided to spend the evening in a bar and got drunk.
- **Breach** (n & v) (کسی قانون یا معاہدے کو توڑنا، قانونی خلاف ورزی) 1. Breaking a law, promise, agreement, or relationship 2. An opening in a wall or fence
Synonyms: Cleft, Chasm, Aperture
Antonyms: Honour, Embankment, Dike
 1. In a clear breach of authority, he decided to take the official vehicle to attend the wedding of his friend's daughter.
 2. The thief must have entered through this narrow breach in the wall on the western side of the estate.
- **Brevity** (n) (انحصار) Compact written or spoken expression, Using very few words
Synonyms: Pithiness, Conciseness
Antonyms: Wordiness, Verbosity, Exaggeration
 The teacher has the gift of brevity as she can explain the most complicated of concepts in precise and simple terms.
- **Bridle** (n & v) (گام، گام دینا) The leather straps used by a rider to control a horse. Hence, to control (usu. a horse with a bridle)
Synonyms: Hackamore, Halter, Leash
Antonyms: Liberate, Permit
 1. Sarah saddled and bridled her mare before taking it into the woods.
 2. Though he tried hard, he could not bridle his emotions and was soon weeping loudly at the funeral.
- **Bristling** (adj.) (بھڑکنے کی چیز کی زیادہ تعداد کا حامل) 1. Full of, Overflowing 2. Showing anger
Synonyms: 2. Belligerent, Pugnacious
Antonyms: Peaceable, Forbear
 1. It was a pleasant winter afternoon, and the central part of the town was bristling with activity.
 2. The hurt and anger that she felt because of his thoughtless remark about her father came bristling out of her eyes.

- **Brittle** (*adj. & n*) (کڑور، ٹانک، بھرا) Easily broken, Delicate
Synonyms: Fragile, Flimsy
Antonyms: Ductile, Malleable
 The brittle layer of ice that covered the pond broke as soon as the stone hit the surface.
- **Broach** (*v*) (ذکر کرنا یا تجویز کرنا) Bring up (a topic) in a conversation, To make a start
Synonyms: Moot, Ventilate
Antonyms: Close, Not mention
 Before I broached the topic of a rise in salary, I made sure that he was in a good mood.
- **Broadside** (*n*) (تقریری یا زبانی بمبار حملہ) A strong written or oral attack on someone. Also, the discharge of all guns on one side of a ship
 The people were bored of the countless broadsides launched by the opposition leader against the Prime Minister, and were hoping that he would have something new to say.
- **Brocade** (*n & v*) (نکواب، بنانا) 1. Fabric woven with raised patterns, 2. To work with raised patterns
 For her wedding, she decided to wear a heavy brocade gown, but it proved to be rather uncomfortable because of its weight.
- **Brochure** (*n*) (کتابچہ، پمفلٹ) Pamphlet, booklet etc
Synonyms: Handbill, Handout, Leaflet, Flyer
Antonyms: Book, Journal, Magazine
 Printed on high quality, glossy paper, the company brochure showcases all the achievements of the company as well as its products and services.
- **Bromide** (*n*) (آکڑا بننے والا گفتار، آکڑی) A boring person or remark
Synonyms: Cliché, Platitude, Banality
Antonyms: Fascinating, Intriguing
 Consisting nothing but the usual bromides about economic growth and social development, the Prime Minister's Independence Day speech was a rather disappointing one.
- **Brood** (*n & v*) (گروہ کے بچوں کا گروہ، خود فکر کرنا) 1. A group of young birds or young children, usu. belonging to the same family 2. To think deeply and seriously
Synonyms: 1. Progeny, Scions, Offspring, 2. Agonise, Muse, Ponder
Antonyms: 1. Ascendant, Predecessor, 2. Calm, Comfort, Soothe
 1. The lady arrived at the ball with her brood of seven children, much to the amusement of everybody present.
 2. The lady arrived at the party with her brood of seven children, much to the amusement of everybody present.
- **Brook** (*v & n*) (برداشت کرنا، قدرتی نال) 1. To endure or tolerate 2) Small stream
Synonyms: Port, Swallow, Watercourse
Antonyms: Disapprove, Forbid, Prohibit

1. The UN Secretary General said that the issue of global nuclear disarmament brooks no further delay, and action on it must start immediately.
 2. I washed my hands in the cold water of the fast-flowing brook that ran adjacent to the road.
- **Browbeat** (*v*) (گھر کرنا، صاف کرنا) To bully with looks or words
Synonyms: Harass, Intimidate
Antonyms: Coax, Compliment, Praise
 His employer managed to browbeat him into working an extra hour every day, without giving any compensation for the extra work.
 - **Bruit** (*v*) (چپکارنا، افواہ پھیلانا) Spread news of something
Synonyms: Disseminate, Promulgate, Propagate
Antonyms: Keep quiet, Secret
 The news of his resignation was bruited around the company in no time.
 - **Brusque** (*adj.*) (تسک، صاف گو) Quick and rude in manner of speech
Synonyms: Abrupt, Boorish, Gruff
Antonyms: Courteous, Polite, Tactful
 When I called his office, I was brusquely told by his secretary that he was busy in a meeting and would not be able to see me.
 - **Bucolic** (*adj. & n*) (دیہاتی، گوار) Pertaining to a village or the countryside
Synonyms: Pastoral, Rustic
Antonyms: Urban, Municipal
 The large windmill stood out as a symbol of modernity in the typically bucolic scene of the peasants harvesting their fields.
 - **Buffoonery** (*n*) (سخریاں) Silly acts done to make people laugh, Clowning
Synonyms: Mockery, Parody
Antonyms: Sobriety, Tragedy
 I did not at all find his buffoonery amusing, though there were quite a few people laughing uproariously at his acts.
 - **Bugbear** (*n*) (نیلی خوف) A particular thing that annoys or upsets an individual
Synonyms: Bogy, Apprehension, bête noire
Antonyms: Liking, Love
 Untidiness is a particular bugbear for her; she cannot stand the sight of a person who dresses shabbily.
 - **Bullion** (*n*) (سونے یا چاندی کے ڈبیلے) Bars of gold and silver
 The value of bullion as an investment has declined over the years, as most people prefer to invest in stock or real estate.
 - **Bulwark** (*n*) (فصل، خاتق دیوار) A defensive wall of stone, earth etc. built as protection against enemy. Also, anything that protects against unpleasant situations
Synonyms: Fortification, Palisade
Antonyms: Opening, Weak Point
 During those difficult days when her husband used to beat her, her faith in God proved to be a bulwark for her.

- **Bumptious** (*adj.*) (گھمنڈی، مغرور، متکبر) Offensively conceited and over-confident
Synonyms: Obnoxious, Pushy, Egoistic
Antonyms: Humble, Modest, Uncertain
 His bumptiousness and boasting about himself made him the most unpopular and detested figure in the organisation.
- **Bungle** (*v*) (اڑی پین سے کام خراب کرنا) 1. Clumsy work 2) Fail to accomplish
Synonyms: Botch, Falter
Antonyms: Fix, Manage, Succeed
 Leading by two sets and in a winning position in the third, Agassi totally bungled up the game and lost with a score of 6-4, 6-2, 6-7, 3-6, 1-6.
- **Burgeon** (*v & n*) (پھیلنا) to develop and grow quickly
Synonyms: Proliferate, Thrive
Antonyms: Dwindle, Decline, Diminish
 A telecommunication revolution has occurred in Pakistan, as thousands of calling booths have burgeoned all over the country.
- **Burlesque** (*n*) (مزاحیہ خاکہ) A type of writing or acting that makes a serious piece of work look foolish and amusing. Any cheap imitation of a high quality work
Synonyms: Travesty, Caricature, Parody, Satire
Antonyms: Original, Novel, Innovative
 As an author, he is most known for his burlesque of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, a rather crude but nevertheless amusing imitation of the original masterpiece.
- **Burnish** (*v*) (صیقل کرنا، جلانا) To polish, make shiny or lustrous
Synonyms: Scour, Rub
Antonyms: Dull, Tarnish
 My job at the handcraft store was to burnish the silver and brass items on sale each morning so that they looked new to the customer.
- **Buttress** (*v & n*) (حمایت کرنا، سہارا) Support
Synonyms: Bolster, Prop
Antonyms: let down, Weaken
 The events in Russia and other socialist countries in the 1990s buttressed the stand of the free-market economists.
- **Buxom** (*adj.*) (شباب، چٹھن) Having health and vigour, Plump and rosy
Synonyms: Comely, Voluptuous
Antonyms: Flat, Petite, Small
 He fell in love with the buxom girl at the florist's counter, not aware that she herself owned the store.

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST

SYNONYMS

1. **Bacchanalia**
 (a) Outside (b) Disproportionate
 (c) Jurisdiction (d) None of these
2. **Bane**
 (a) Blessing (b) Affliction
 (c) Overlook (d) None of these
3. **Bask**
 (a) Luxuriate (b) Plainness
 (c) Freeze (d) None of these
4. **Bedlam**
 (a) Disquietude (b) Drenched
 (c) Dehydrated (d) None of these
5. **Bemused**
 (a) Attentive (b) Belligerent
 (c) Bewildered (d) None of these
6. **Besotted**
 (a) Uninterested (b) Fanatical
 (c) Roomy (d) None of these
7. **Bewilder**
 (a) Befuddle (b) Orient
 (c) Sottish (d) None of these
8. **Blanch**
 (a) Colourful (b) Etiolate
 (c) Tedious (d) None of these
9. **Bludgeon**
 (a) Cudgel (b) Coax
 (c) Jabber (d) None of these
10. **Braggadocio**
 (a) Servility (b) Rodomontade
 (c) Boil (d) None of these

ANTONYMS

11. **Badger**
 (a) Arouse (b) Pester
 (c) Revelry (d) None of these
12. **Ballast**
 (a) Counterbalance (b) Drop
 (c) Hype (d) None of these
13. **Barb**
 (a) Cusp (b) Loopy
 (c) Praise (d) None of these

14. **Bawdy**
(a) Ribald (b) Sophisticated
(c) Knuckknack (d) None of these
15. **Belabour**
(a) Ignore (b) Vituperate
(c) Antagonism (d) None of these
16. **Bereavement**
(a) Dolour (b) Deprive
(c) Decry (d) None of these
17. **Bête Noire**
(a) Angel (b) Rival
(c) Affiance (d) None of these
18. **Bilk**
(a) Swindle (b) Grotesque
(c) Unaffectedness (d) None of these
19. **Bluster**
(a) Harangue (b) Be quiet
(c) Spout (d) None of these
20. **Bumptious**
(a) Uncertain (b) Fortification
(c) Apprehension (d) None of these

ANSWERS

1.	c	2.	b	3.	a	4.	a	5.	c
6.	b	7.	a	8.	b	9.	a	10.	b
11.	a	12.	b	13.	c	14.	b	15.	a
16.	b	17.	a	18.	c	19.	b	20.	a

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- **Cabal (n)** (سازش گروہ) A secret association of persons (usually) plotting a conspiracy
Synonyms: Outfit, Party, Posse
Antonyms: Disunion, Separation, Sever
It was later brought to light that the two junior officers arrested on charges of spying were a part of a large cabal within the ministry, which was plotting an overthrow of the government.
- **Cache (n)** (خفیہ ذخیرہ گاہ، چھانڈا) A secret hiding place. Hence, the cache memory in a computer.
Synonyms: Accumulation, Reserve, Hoard
Antonyms: Paucity, Rariness, Dearth
He kept a large cache of papers in his locker.
- **Cachinnate (v)** (کچی کچی کر کے ہنستا) To laugh loudly or immoderately
Synonyms: Cackle, Guffaw, Giggle
Antonyms: Blubber, Snivel, Sob
Though I did not see any reason to laugh, the man next to me at the movie theatre suddenly cachinnated in a booming voice.
- **Cacophonous (adj.)** (جدا آواز، بے سِرا) Discordant, Inharmonious
Synonyms: Ill-sounding, Dissonant
Antonyms: Mellifluous, Melodious
Because of a cacophonous gathering of teenagers at the restaurant, I could not hear my cellular phone ring.
- **Cad (n)** (کبیہ، برزیل) A person of low manners or ungentlemanly conduct
Synonyms: Rounder, Scoundrel, Stinker
Antonyms: Gentleman, Helper
I just don't understand how that ill-mannered cad could have been allowed entry into this elite club.
- **Cadaver (n)** (نفس، لاش) Dead body, Corpse
Antonyms: Cadaverous, Obese
As a part of their course in medicine, the students are supposed to dissect a cadaver and identify the various parts of the human anatomy.
- **Cadence (n)** (سے، زیرِ دِیم) Rhythmic or measured flow or beat
Synonyms: Rhythm, Intonation, Inflection
Antonyms: Roughness, Ugliness
The music soon built up a pleasant, rhythmic cadence and a few couples came on to the dance floor.
- **Cadge (v)** (بیک، اگنا، مفت خوری کرنا) To beg
Synonyms: Scrounge, Sponge, Mooch
Antonyms: Give, Lend, Return

As if cadging me to pay for his meal was not enough, he now begged me to pay his bus fare for him to go home.

- **Cagey (adj.)** (حکام، حیلدار) Reluctant to provide information, unwilling to talk
Synonyms: Reticent, Cautious, Evasive
Antonyms: Collaborator, Colleague, Turncoat
The old man was rather cagey at first to give me any information about the theft, but when he was convinced that my intentions were noble, he relented and provided me with a lot of useful information.
- **Cairn (n)** (پتھروں کا ڈھیر جو یادگار یا قبر کے نشان کے طور پر لگا جاتا ہے) Mound of stones as a memorial or landmark etc.
Synonyms: Column, Headstone, Inscription
Antonyms: Building, Mall
Till she could find the funds to build a proper epitaph, the old lady along with her youngest son built a small cairn of stones at her husband's grave.
- **Cajole (v)** (خوشامد سے راضی کرنا، پالپسی کرنا) Persuade or soothe by flattery or deceit
Synonyms: Coax, Wheelde, Obsequiousness
Antonyms: Criticise, Slate, Censure
I tried to cajole the teacher to allow me to take the exam at a later date, but she would have none of it and sternly told me that I would lose marks if I did not appear.
- **Calamity (n)** (آفت، قہر) A great disaster, A sudden event causing great loss and suffering
Synonyms: Misery, Catastrophe, Disaster
Antonyms: Prosperity, Boon, Comfort
An earthquake of high intensity is perhaps the worst natural calamity as it can bring about large scale destruction of life and property without any warning whatsoever.
- **Calcify (v)** (چونے کے نمکیات اکٹھا ہونے کے باعث پتھری حالت میں تبدیل ہونا) Harden by deposit of calcium salts
Synonyms: Petrify, Solidify
Antonyms: Dissolve, Liquefy
Stalagmites and stalactites, those strange looking rock structures found in caves, are formed as a result of the calcification of water over thousands of years.
- **Caldron (n)** (دیگ) Large boiling-vessel
Synonyms: Kettle, Pot, Vat
At the night-shelter, a man was preparing a thick soup in a huge caldron for the hundreds of poor people in the shelter.
- **Calibre (n)** (دائی صلاحیت یا قابلیت، لیاقت) 1. Measurement, 2. Ability, Quality
Synonyms: Talent, Quality, Standard
Antonyms: Shortcoming, Defect, Deficiency
1. This bolt will not open with this wrench, please give me one of higher calibre.
2. This essay is of such high calibre that it's difficult to believe that a seventh grade student could have written it.

- **Calligraphy (n)** (خطاطی، ہاتھ کی خوبصورت لکھائی) Beautiful handwriting
Synonyms: Writing, Inscription
Antonyms: Scribbling, Symbols
His essay stood out not because of its content but because of his artistic calligraphy on the answer sheet.
- **Callous (adj.)** (بے حس، سنگدل) Unkind, Hard, Unfeeling, Without sympathy
Synonyms: Apathetic, Indurate
Antonyms: Compassionate, Sympathetic
The new supervisor, by not visiting the injured worker at the hospital, has shown a callous disregard towards the well-being of the workers.
- **Callow (adj.)** (نا بالغ، نا تجربہ کار) Immature and inexperienced
Synonyms: Naive, Adolescent, Inexperienced
Antonyms: Experienced, Sophisticated
Within a relatively short span of two years, Jamil transformed himself from a callow freelance writer to an admired reporter under the guidance of the veteran editor of the newspaper.
- **Calorific (adj.)** (حرارت پیدا کرنے کی اہلیت رکھنے والا) Heat-producing
Synonyms: Fattening, Rich, Greasy
Antonyms: Slimming,
Because of its high calorific value, the coal produced in this region is mainly used in smelters in the iron and steel industry.
- **Calumniate (v)** (بدنام کرنا، کسی کے متعلق غلط فہمی اور جھوٹی باتیں کہنا) A false and unjust report on someone with the intention of damaging their reputation
Synonyms: Libel, Malign, Scandalise
Antonyms: Approve, Commend, Compliment
This newspaper report about the politician is the most shameless piece of calumny I've ever come across in my life -- not even a single remark in it about the old professor is true.
- **Camaraderie (n)** (ساتھی پن، رفاقت) Friendliness, mutual trust, and good will amongst friends or co-workers
Synonyms: Solidarity, Fellowship
Antonyms: Animosity, Enmity
The camaraderie and friendliness between the players of the two countries totally belied the hostility that exists between the two countries at a diplomatic level.
- **Cameo (n)** (پتھر پر ابھردار نقش) 1. Piece of relief-carving in stone with colour-layers utilized to give background, 2. A short piece of writing or acting, esp. a small part in a film or play enacted by a well known actor
Synonyms: Vignette, Small Part
Antonyms: Main Character, Title Role
2. The producer of that movie has managed to rope in Nadeem, the famous artist, to play a small cameo in his forthcoming movie.
- **Camouflage (n & v)** (گھیب دینے کے لیے استعمال ہونے والے طے، بہرہ پوش، طریقے یا منصوبے) That which acts as a disguise, or helps to conceal.
Synonyms: Conceal, Disguise
Antonyms: Reveal, Expose

The soldiers hastily covered their helmets with leaves and other foliage, but this did not prove a good enough camouflage and they were soon spotted by the enemy.

- **Canard** (n) (من گھوٹ کہانی) A hoax, A sensational, fabricated story to fool the people, A false report
Synonyms: Rumour, Myth, Falsehood
Antonyms: Truth, Fact, Genuineness
The society has accused the periodical of spreading a malicious canard against it, and has threatened legal action if the periodical did not retract its words.
- **Candour** (n) (کھراپن، غیر جانبداری) Open-mindedness, impartiality, free from malice
Synonyms: Frankness, Candidness
Antonyms: Artifice, Pretence
The interview panel was impressed with his candour when he admitted that he had once been found guilty of misconduct at high school.
- **Canine** (adj. & n) (کتے کے چار نوکدار دانتوں سے متعلق) Related to Dogs. Also, one of the four sharp pointed teeth between incisors and molars
Synonyms: Dingo, Fox, Hound
Though both of them belong to the family of canines, wolves and dogs exhibit very different character when it comes to interacting with other animals.
- **Canker** (n) (جراثیمات کے منہ کا ناسور، خیم، تکلیف، صدمہ) An ulcer (sore), as of the mouth. Also, anything which corrodes, corrupts or destroys
Synonyms: Scourge, Cancer, Menace
Antonyms: Blessing, Boon, Health
The Prime Minister, in his speech on television, has said that violence is a canker in our society which must be avoided at all costs, and has urged the masses to show greater restraint.
- **Canny** (adj.) (کتہ داس، دانش مند، ہوشیار) Clever and careful, Worldly-wise
Synonyms: Shrewd, Astute
Antonyms: Gullible, Suave
Having been a member of some political party for over thirty years, he had the reputation of a canny politician with a shrewd mind and great survival instincts.
- **Canon** (n) (قانون، قاعدہ، بنیادی اصول) A law, rule or decree
Synonyms: Tenet, Principle, Norm
Antonyms: Strangeness, Immorality
In many respects, the established canons of visual communication theory have been challenged.
- **Cant** (n) (ریاکاری، کسی خاص جماعت، پیشے یا فرقے کے لیے مخصوص فقرے یا جملے) Insincere talk. Also jargon, words or talk characteristic to a particular group or class.
Synonyms: Pomposity, Pretentiousness, Sanctimony
Antonyms: Standard, Genuine

The politician's speech at the stadium was nothing but empty political cant -- doing anything for the poverty of this region is perhaps the last thing on his mind.

- **Cant** (v) (جھکا، تیزھا کرنا) To slope or lean, Incline
Synonyms: Rise, Slope, Tilt
Within an hour of hitting the deadly iceberg, the Titanic began to dangerously cant over to one side.
- **Cantankerous** (adj.) (جھگڑالو، جھجکی) Quarrelsome, disposed to fight.
Synonyms: Belligerent, Pugnacious, Contentious
Antonyms: Reasonable, Realistic, Pleasant
The cantankerous old couple in that apartment keep fighting at the smallest pretext, quite in contrast with their neighbours who are the quietest people in the locality.
- **Canter** (n & v) (گھوڑے کے چلنے کا ایک انداز جو سریت کی یہ نسبت آہستہ اور آسان ہوتا ہے) Medium-paced movement of a horse, any ride at a similar speed. Hence, to move at the speed of a canter
Synonyms: Gallop, Trot
Antonyms: Saunter
The horse moved at a canter from some distance and then suddenly broke into a fast paced gallop as soon as it saw the smoke on the horizon.
- **Capacious** (adj.) (کثادہ، فراخ) Roomy, spacious
Synonyms: Huge, Voluminous, Large
Antonyms: Small, Minute, Undersized
The suitcase was capacious enough to hold all my requirements for fifteen days; for anything beyond that, I needed a larger piece of luggage.
- **Capitulate** (v) (مشروط طور پر ہتھیار ڈال دینا) Surrender on agreed terms, Accept defeat on conditions
Synonyms: Submit, Cede
Antonyms: Resist, Defend
The harassed railway minister had no choice but to capitulate to the demand for his resignation after the third train accident of the year.
- **Capricious** (adj.) (جھلون مزاج، من موئی) Apt to change suddenly
Synonyms: Fickle, Inconsistent, Whimsical, Flighty
Antonyms: Constant, Steadfast
The capricious nature of the lead guitarist was the main cause of concern for the organizers of the show -- he was known to pull out of his commitments at the last moment.
- **Caption** (n) (سریخی، عنوان) Words above or below a picture, newspaper article etc. meant to give an explanation
Synonyms: Description, Title, Slogan
Antonyms: Text, Passage
The caption below the photograph stated that it had been taken in 1952; however, the model of the car shown in the photograph was clearly of a much later year.

- **Captious (adj.)** (گتہ جیس، متعرض، عیب جو) Too ready to find fault, over-critical
Synonyms: Carping, Censorious
Antonyms: Tolerant
 Upset at the captious and constantly complaining nature of his wife, he decided to consult a lawyer for a divorce.
- **Carafe (n)** (شیشے کی سرمائی بوتل) A bottle for serving wine or water at meals. Also, the amount contained in such a bottle.
Synonyms: Flask, Decanter
 The hostess called for another carafe of red wine.
- **Carat (n)** (قیڑا، وزن کا ایک معیاری پیمانہ جو سونا، جواہرات تولے کے لیے استعمال ہوتا ہے) Measure of weight for precious stones, Measure of purity of gold
Synonyms:
 A one-carat diamond weighs 0.2 grams.
- **Cardinal (adj.)** (اہم، نمایاں) Fundamental, Most important
Synonyms: Chief, Prime
Antonyms: Devotee, Secondary
 Just as the athlete was well on his way to victory, he made the cardinal error of looking back, lost his balance, and fell.
- **Cardiologist (n)** (ہمارا امراض قلب) Doctor specialising in the heart
Synonyms: Heart Specialist
Antonyms: Orthodontist
 His family physician has referred him to a cardiologist, saying that chest pain should never be taken lightly.
- **Careen (v)** (ہراتے ہوئے ایک طرف کو جھٹکا) Move forward rapidly while making sudden movements from side to side.
Synonyms: Lurch, Zigzag, Meander
Antonyms: Straight, Rush
 The driver tried hard to stop the bus but it careened out of control and skidded into a ditch.
- **Caret (n)** (تحریر میں چھوٹے ہوئے متن کی جگہ کی نشاندہی کرنے والی علامت) The mark, used in writing or printing to show where something is to be added
 Since he had omitted a few words in the contract, he inserted them into the text by using a caret at the appropriate places.
- **Caricature (n & v)** (کسی شخص یا چیز کا خاکہ اڑانا، مسخرہ تصویر) Distortion, Amusing representation of person or thing by over-emphasis on characteristic traits
Synonyms: Burslesque, Imitation
Antonyms: Genuine, Legitimate
 The caricature of the President in the newspaper yesterday, in which he was portrayed as a caged chimpanzee, was in poor taste and has offended many people.
- **Carnage (n)** (قتل عام، خون خرابا) Destruction of life, Great slaughter
Synonyms: Massacre, Bloodshed
Antonyms: Peace, Concord, Reconciliation
 The locality where the bomb exploded was a scene of dreadful carnage and destruction; even the journalists were repelled at the sight of it.

- **Carnal (adj.)** (نفسانی، مادی) Of the flesh, physical (esp. sexual)
Synonyms: Sensual, Corporeal
Antonyms: Spiritual
 The sages in ancient India were said to be in complete control of their carnal desires.
- **Carnivorous (adj.)** (گوشت خور) Feeding on flesh, Meat-eating
Synonyms: Predatory, Rapacious
Antonyms: Vegetarian, Herbivorous
 The piranha is a carnivorous fish, with teeth sharp enough to pierce the toughest of skins.
- **Carousal (n)** (گل فٹائے والے گساری) A drinking bout, Jovial feast, A drunken revelry.
Synonyms: Bacchanalia, Jamboree, Orgy
Antonyms: Sobriety, Abstinence, Moderation
 He refused to take part in the carousal, saying that he would prefer to celebrate his son's victory quietly in his room.
- **Carousel (n)** (چکر کھانے والا جھولا، اینر پورٹ پر گھومتا ہوا پلیٹ فارم) 1. A merry-go-round, 2. The luggage conveyor belt in an airport
Synonyms: Roundabout, Rotary
 1. At the amusement park, the carousel that has seats in the shape of animals and that moves as if in a gallop, is among the most popular attractions for children.
- **Carp (v)** (گتہ جیجی کرنا) To Complain
Synonyms: Objurgate, Pan, Peck
Antonyms: Ignore, Let Go
 The fisherman found a large, overgrown carp in his net, and considered it to be his prize catch.
- **Carion (n)** (جانوروں کا مردہ گلا گوشت) Dead and decaying flesh
 Near the top of the hill, we were met with the blood-curdling sight of a large group of vultures feeding ravenously on the carion of a deer.
- **Carte Blanche (n)** (اختیار کی، کوراپیک) Full discretionary power. [Lit., A blank paper given to a person to write his own terms on]
Synonyms: Prerogative, Sanction, Blank Cheque
Antonyms: Restraint, Control, Limit
 He has given his son-in-law a carte blanche to operate the company the way he wants to.
- **Cartography (n)** (نقشہ نگاری، نقشہ نویسی) The science of making maps and charts
 Despite repeated attempts, cartographers have found it very difficult to depict this region on a map because of its difficult terrain and steep cliffs.
- **Cascade (n & v)** (آبشار، جھرتا) Steep waterfall, Anything that flows or pours downwards
Synonyms: Precipitation, Shower, Waterfall
Antonyms: River
 The fast flowing stream cascaded down the sharp cliff, forming a picturesque waterfall.

- **Castigate** (v) (عقوبت کرنا، سزا دینا) Punish with blows or words, Cribose severely
Synonyms: Chastise, Reprimand, Rebuke
Antonyms: Compliment, Laud, Praise
The Sanders committee report submitted to the President severely castigates the commerce department for not paying adequate attention to the dumping of foreign goods into the local market.
- **Casualty** (n) (حادثہ میں کوئی زخمی یا ہلاک شدہ شخص) A person hurt in an accident or killed or wounded in battle. Also, a place in a hospital where such a person is treated.
Synonyms: Victim, Martyr, Wounded Person
Antonyms: Offender, Delinquent, Criminal
The train met with an accident near the town, but thankfully, there were no casualties.
- **Casusistry** (n) (ظلم، فریب کاری) False but clever use of arguments and reasoning
Synonyms: Chicanery, Deception, Delusion
Antonyms: Certainty, Fact, Reality
His arguments appeared as nothing but clever casuistry at first, but slowly, we began to see the impeccable logic behind it.
- **Cataclysm** (n) (عظیم زلزلہ یا طغیانی) A violent upheaval, disaster
Synonyms: Fiasco, Catastrophe, Debacle
Antonyms: Happiness, Miracle, Wonder
Not having any check on their expenditure and relying heavily on debt, many countries are on the brink of economic cataclysm.
- **Catalyst** (n) (کیمیائی تبدیلی لانے والا مادہ) Agent which brings about a chemical change while it remains unaffected and unchanged. Hence, any person, thing, or event that causes changes to happen, but without taking part in those changes.
Synonyms: Medium, Channel
Antonyms: Blockage, Preventer
While I was already considering quitting the job, my meeting with an astrologer proved to be the catalyst and I put in my papers the subsequent day.
- **Catapult** (n & v) (تھوپک سے لانے والا گولی یا پتھر) A device that can push or throw something at high speed. Hence, to be pushed in such a way
Synonyms: Hurler, Pitcher, Propeller
The enemy catapulted rocks towards the fort
- **Cataract** (n) (آبشار، آنکھ کی بیماری) 1. Large waterfall, Downpour of rain, 2. Eye-complaint causing partial blindness
Synonyms: Torrent, Waterfall, Cascade
Antonyms: River, Sea
2. He showed the first symptoms of cataract about a year ago, and now he can barely see.

- **Catastrophe** (n) (عظیم انقلاب، حادثہ) An unexpected, disastrous event that causes great suffering
Synonyms: Calamity, Disaster
Antonyms: Calmness, Tranquillity
The fire accident at the cinema was a catastrophe waiting to happen; the theatre owners had totally disregarded fire-safety norms in the construction of the building.
- **Catcall** (n & v) (تائید کی، نفرت یا تحقیر کا اظہار) Loud shout of disapproval
Synonyms: Taunt, Jeer
Antonyms: Applaud, Approve
The restless crowd let out a series of catcalls when the actor failed to remember his dialogue at a crucial point in the play.
- **Catechism** (n) (امیدواروں سے کئے جانے والے باقاعدہ سوال و جواب کا سلسلہ) Book for religious instruction, Instruction by question and answer
Synonyms: Examination, Questioning
Antonyms: Ignorance
The teacher had developed a unique style of teaching by catechism, wherein she taught each lesson as a series of questions and answers.
- **Categorical** (adj.) (قطعی، غیر مشروط) Without exceptions, Unqualified, Absolute
Synonyms: Definite, Resounding
Antonyms: Vague, Ambiguous
The industrialist has categorically denied that he had tried to bribe the government official in order to win the contract.
- **Catenate** (v) (مٹھوں یا گانٹھوں کے سلسلے میں جوڑنا، مربوط کرنا) To connect in a series, like links of a chain
Synonyms: Persecute, Concatenate, Dragggle
Antonyms: Lead, Precede
The jeweller had so finely catenated the small gold beads into a chain that the joints were just not visible.
- **Catharsis** (n) (احساسات کا اخراج، تہذیب نفس) Outlet to emotion provided by witnessing an organized event such as a musical show or drama. Hence, any strong flow of feelings that provides a relief
Synonyms: Cleansing, Expurgation, Lustration
Antonyms: Dirtying
The delightful comedy provided the perfect catharsis for all of us, after we had gone through a tension-filled week of college examinations.
- **Catholic** (adj.) (ہمہ گیر، وسیع الخیال، روادار دے تعصب) Varied, Having a wide variety of likings, including different types of a thing
Synonyms: Extensive, Broad, Wide-Ranging
Antonyms: Narrow, Conformist, Conventional
His taste in music is pretty catholic -- he enjoys the Beatles as much as he loves Bach.
- **Caucus** (n) (کسی پارٹی کے اراکین کی نجی ملاقات) Private meeting of members of a party to select officers or determine policy. Also, a group of important people that can influence policy decisions.

- Synonyms:** Conclave, Convention, Gathering
Antonyms: Conspiracy, Plot
Members of the party have planned a secret caucus over the weekend to discuss how they can gather support for their plans.
- **Caulk** (v) (درز پانچر کرنے کا کام کرنا) Make watertight by filling in cracks
Synonyms: Fasten, Plug, Seal
Antonyms: Loosen, Open, Unfasten
The mason caulked the water chamber by filling in cement in all the cracks that were beginning to develop at the bottom.
 - **Causal** (adj.) (سبب یا سبب کے متعلق) Of the nature of cause and effect
Synonyms: Generative, Ingenious
Antonyms: Borrowed, Hackneyed
Sociologists all over the world have tried to establish a causal relationship between violence on the TV screen and violence in real life.
 - **Causative** (adj.) (سبب یا باعث ہونے والا) Acting as a cause, Leading to
Synonyms: Contributory, Causal
Antonyms: Victim, Prey
In most common diseases, the causative organism is the bacteria, though the more deadly diseases are caused by the virus.
 - **Cause Célèbre** (n) (متنازع فیہ قانونی مقدمہ، متنازع مسئلہ) Any famous law case or controversy or cause which excites great public interest.
Synonyms: Celebrated Case, Controversy
Antonyms: Incongruity,
The hearing of missing persons case became a major cause célèbre in Pakistan.
 - **Caustic** (adj. & n) (طعن آمیز، چلی کٹی) Any chemical that burns or corrodes organic tissue. Also, words that are meant to intentionally hurt the feelings of a person
Synonyms: Biting, Mordant
Antonyms: Smooth, Silky
I have always appreciated his mild and gentle manners, so was totally taken aback by his caustic remarks against the managing director.
 - **Cauterise** (v) (داغنا، گرم لہو یا تیزاب سے جلانا) To burn the surface of living tissue to destroy infection or stop bleeding.
Synonyms: Burn, Sear, Singe
Antonyms: Cool, Extinguish, Quench
As soon as they brought him to the dispensary, the doctor decided to cauterize the wound so that the infection would not spread.
 - **Cavalcade** (n) (گھوڑا گاڑیوں کا بلوڑ، گاڑیوں یا جہازوں کی قطار) Company of riders, Procession
Synonyms: Parade, Convoy
Antonyms: Trekker
The President's cavalcade consisted of sixteen horse-riders, in addition to a fleet of fancy cars.
 - **Cavalier** (adj.) (بے سوچے، ہمتیلاں) Thoughtless and disrespectful
Synonyms: Haughty, Supercilious
The supervisor sternly reprimanded him for being so cavalier towards the expensive equipment he was using in the factory.
 - **Caveat** (n) (عدالت کا حکم استغاثی) A cautionary statement or warning, meant to prevent misunderstanding
Synonyms: Proviso, Admonition, Caution
Antonyms: Approval, Praise, Hail
The policeman let him go with a stern caveat that similar behaviour should not repeated in the future.
 - **Cavil** (n & v) (غیر سنجیدہ اعتراض اٹھانا، نکتہ چینی کرنا) Find fault in an annoying way
Synonyms: Carp, Complain, Quibble
Antonyms: Accept, Acknowledge
Ms. Nazia cavilled at almost everything that the decorators had done to adorn the ballroom for the party, asking them to redo most of the work.
 - **Cede** (v) (دست بردار ہو جانا) Yield to, Surrender formally
Synonyms: Admit, Grant
Antonyms: Acquire, Obtain
China ceded Hong Kong to Britain after the Opium War.
 - **Celerity** (n) (تیز رفتاری، سبکدلی) Rapidity of motion, speed, swiftness.
Synonyms: Alacrity, Swiftness
Antonyms: Delay, Stoppage
With amazing celerity, the prisoner jumped out of the open window and disappeared into the narrow alley.
 - **Celestial** (adj.) (آسمانی، سادگی) 1. Of the sky or heaven 2. Divinely beautiful
Synonyms: Divine, Heavenly
Antonyms: Earthy
1. Asteroids are celestial bodies that form a belt between Mars and Jupiter, and are considered to have originated by the explosion of what had originally been a planet.
2. I was spellbound by the celestial beauty of lush green valley and the colourful flowers growing in abundance.
 - **Celibate** (n & adj.) (کتورا، بچر) Not married, Bound or resolved not to marry
Synonyms: Chaste, Pure, Virgin
Antonyms: Married, Unchaste
To please the goddess, the poor farmer took the oath of celibacy and never married all his life.
 - **Censor** (n & v) (منتق، حرف گیر) Person expressing opinions on others' morals and conduct, Official licensing or suppressing as immoral. Hence, to examine as a censor
Synonyms: Expurgate, Stifle, Cut
Antonyms: Include, Embrace, Incorporate
Of the three explicit scenes in the film, only one was considered integral to the plot and was partially censored; the other two were totally omitted by the censor board.

- **Censorious** (adj.) (عیب جو، سخت تنقید کرنے والا) Fault-finding, Over-critical
Synonyms: Captious, Contemptuous, Disapproving
Antonyms: Approving, Favourable, Gracious
 Even though he had great knowledge of his subject, he could never be a popular teacher because of his censorious nature -- he was critical of almost everything that his students did.
- **Censure** (n & v) (غلاف فیصلہ صادر کرنا، ناپسندیدگی کا اظہار) Adverse judgement, Expression of disapproval, Criticize unfavourably
Synonyms: Reprimand, Reprove, Blame
Antonyms: Praise, Eulogise
 His tasteless remarks came under severe censure by everyone present at the assembly.
- **Centrifugal** (adj.) (مرکز گریز، مرکز سے دور ہونے پر مائل) Flying, Tending to fly from centre
Synonyms: Eccentric Outward, Radial
Antonyms: Centripetal
 The washing machine is based on the principle of centrifugal action: as the container with the soaked clothes moves in a circular motion, the dirt on the clothes gets removed.
- **Centripetal** (adj.) (مرکز نائل) Tending towards centre
Synonyms: Combining, Integrating
Antonyms: Centrifugal
 Gravity is a centripetal force, in which all objects on the surface of the earth are being pulled towards its centre.
- **Cephalic** (adj.) (سر سے متعلق) Of, or connected with the head
Synonyms: Abnormal Development or Damage to the Brain and Spinal Cord
 The cows were struck by a cephalic disease in which the skin around their neck became taut and they could not breathe freely.
- **Cerebral** (adj.) (دماغی، دماغ یا مغز سے متعلق) Pertaining to the brain. Also, intellectual
Synonyms: Brainy Analytical
Antonyms: Intuitive, Shrewd
 The film was too cerebral for me; I could not understand most of it.
- **Ceremonious** (adj.) (برہنہ، رسم و رواج سے پر) Addicted or showing to ceremony. Also, extremely formal or polite.
Synonyms: Punctilious, Formal
Antonyms: Unceremonious, Informal
 The soldiers were given a ceremonious welcome when they returned from the battlefields of west Asia.
- **Certitude** (n) (یقین، اطمینان، یقین) The state or feeling of being sure and certain
Synonyms: Conviction, Assurance, Confidence
Antonyms: Uncertainty, Dubiousness
 Despite the advancement in technology, it is impossible to predict the occurrence of an earthquake with any degree of certitude.

- **Cerulean** (adj.) (آسمانی نیلا، نیلگوں) Sky blue
Synonyms: Azure, Navy
Antonyms: Black, White
 The blue coloured aircraft soon merged with the cerulean sky, and it was impossible to spot its flight from the ground.
- **Cessation** (n) (وقف، خاتمہ، اختتام) A temporary stoppage
Synonyms: Pause, Intermission
Antonyms: Beginning, Start
 As soon as he saw the white flag, the general ordered a complete cessation of firing.
- **Chafe** (v) (چبھنا، تپ، تپ، تپ) 1. To rub so as to wear away. 2. To become impatient or annoyed
Synonyms: Scratch, Abrade, Irritate
Antonyms: Smooth, Level, Calm
 1. The bracelet was so tight that it chafed my wrist, so I was forced to remove it.
 2. Just as the passengers were beginning to chafe at the delay in their flight, the airport authorities announced the arrival of the flight.
- **Chaff** (n) (چھوٹا، چھوٹا، چھوٹا) Separated grain-husks, Chopped hay and straw, Worthless stuff
Synonyms: Remains, Rubbish, Shard
Antonyms: Core, Useful
 The farmers in Punjab have a rather elaborate procedure of separating the grain from the chaff.
- **Chaff** (v & n) (نوک جو کہ نہ مذاق اڑانا) To make fun of (someone) in a harmless, friendly way. Hence, friendly joking
Synonyms: Banter, Tease, Ridicule
Antonyms: Seriousness, Encourage
 His friends chaffed at him at his inability to strike a conversation with the pretty girl who sat next to him on the bus.
- **Chagrin** (v & n) (طیش، طیش، طیش) Acute disappointment or annoyance
Synonyms: Vexation, Mortification, Embarrassment
Antonyms: Satisfaction, Contentment, Pleasure
 Much to his chagrin, the baseball match that he had been waiting for all summer was called off because of stormy weather.
- **Chalet** (n) (پہاڑی ٹیکڑ) Cottage, small hut in a camp etc.
Synonyms: Cabin, Hut
 Usman owns that chalet on the hill, and often comes here in summers on a holiday.
- **Chalice** (n) (جام، ساغر، پینے کا پیالہ) A gold or silver ornamental cup, usu. used to hold wine
Synonyms: Cup, Goblet, Vessel
 Seated at the head of the table, the host raised his chalice high in the air and toasted to the well being of all present.

- **Champion** (n و ص) چیمپئن (جیتنے والے) To fight for a cause, defend strongly. Hence, someone who champions a cause
Synonyms: Supporter, Campaigner, Defender
Antonyms: Opponent, Challenger, Competitor
 Many groups continue to champion human rights in developing countries.
- **Chaotic** (adj.) (کلی اشتراک نہ ہونے کی حالت میں) In utter disorder
Synonyms: Muddled, Untidy, Disordered
Antonyms: Orderly, Arranged, Methodical
 Though the idea of the business was good, his chaotic way of managing things ultimately led to its closure.
- **Chaperon** (n و ص) (گھمبیاں، نگران) One who accompanies, usu. a younger or weaker person
Synonyms: Babysitter, Companion, Escort
Antonyms: Boss, Manager
 At the age of twelve, he hates being chaperoned by his mother to school each day.
- **Charade** (n) (تصنع، ریاضی) Something easily seen as false and untrue, hoax
Synonyms: Fake, Simulation, Pretence
Antonyms: Reality, Truth
 It was easy to see that his illness was just a charade -- he was perfectly all right and wanted to avoid going to the concert.
- **Charisma** (n) (کرشمہ، علیہ النبی) Divine Gift, Great popular charm
Synonyms: Fascination, Glamour, Magnetism
Antonyms: Revulsion, Loathing
 As a popular film actor, his charisma can help him win the elections, but whether he'll be able to deliver the goods as the mayor is totally another matter.
- **Charlatan** (n) (نیم حکیم، جھوٹا مدعی) A pretender to knowledge or ability.
Synonyms: Quack, Pretender, Impostor
Antonyms: Connoisseur, Professional, Expert
 As soon as people in one locality would realize that the miracle doctor was a charlatan, he would quickly pack his bags and move to another area.
- **Chary** (adj.) (حکمت، ہوشیار) Cautious, unwilling to take risks
Synonyms: Wary, Suspicious, Mindful
Antonyms: Foolhardy, Reckless, Imprudent
 After my experience in this company, I am rather chary of joining another company with similar operations.
- **Chasm** (n) (گھاٹی، شکاف) Gap, Break of continuity, Wide difference of feeling, interests between persons or parties
Synonyms: Abyss, Fissure, Void
Antonyms: Closure, Junction, Juncture

- Though the standard of living for Pakistanis has undoubtedly increased over the past few decades, the chasm between the wealth levels of the rich and poor has also widened.
- **Chassis** (n) (موٹر گاڑی کو سہارا دینے والا ڈھانچہ) Base-frame of motor-car
Synonyms: Body, Case, Frame
Antonyms: Interior, Middle
 In the accident, the main body of the car was ripped from its chassis and landed in an explosion of broken glass and flying metal.
 - **Chaste** (adj.) (پاکیزہ، پاکدامن، بے سیرگار) Pure in taste or style. Also, moral
Synonyms: Virtuous, Unblemished, Faithful
Antonyms: Impure, Wanton
 I was impressed with the simplicity of the architecture of the monument, the walls had simple, elegant designs and a few chaste lines.
 - **Chasten** (v) (معتدل کرنا، اعتدال پہ لانا) To correct or discipline through punishment. Also to moderate, soften
Synonyms: Reprimand, Subdue, Punish
Antonyms: Reward, Incentive
 Used to riding his motorcycle at a great speed in the past, he is now considerably chastened after the accident he has had.
 - **Chastise** (v) (سزا دینا، تادیب کرنا) Punish or blame severely, esp. by beating
Synonyms: Rebuke, Reprimand, Censure
Antonyms: Compliment, Encourage, Forgive
 The Security and Exchange Commission has chastised the management of several Fortune 1000 companies for deliberately inflating the value of their stock by giving unsubstantiated statements to the press.
 - **Chateau** (n) (فرانسیسی قلعہ، دیہات میں جاگیردار کی حویلی) A castle or large house in France
Synonyms: Manor, Mansion, Villa
Antonyms: Hut
 The Silicon Valley tycoon has just bought a large chateau just outside Paris, where he plans to spend his vacations.
 - **Chattel** (n) (مال و متاع، کوئی بھی متقول جائیداد) Movable property, personal property that is not a house or piece of land
Synonyms: Belongings, Capital, Goods
Antonyms: Real Estate, Immovable Property
 For the last fifteen years, Mr Rasheed has been living in Karachi, with his entire chattel and his faithful dog.
 - **Chauvinism** (n) (جنگ جوینہ وطن پرستی) 1. Excessive, and often unreasonable admiration for one's country, 2. Unreasonable belief that the sex to which one belongs is better than the other sex
Synonyms: Bellicosity, Ethnocentricity, Fanatical
Antonyms: Impartiality, Justness
 In an extremely chauvinistic remark, which I'm sure caused him to lose many female supporters, the actor said that he will always be able to earn more than whoever he is going to marry.

- **Checkered (Chequered) (adj.)** (دو مختلف رنگوں کا خانہ دار نمونہ، چو خانہ دار) Marked by changes in fortune
Synonyms: Quilted, Spotted, Variegated
Antonyms: Uniform, Consistent
Irfan's future in this organisation seems checkered due to bad performance.
- **Cherubic (adj.)** (کرد بیباں سے متعلق یا ان سے مشابہ، فرشتہ منہ) Angelic, Innocent-looking, Very pretty, esp. for a child
Synonyms: Adorable, Cute, Innocent
Antonyms: Demonic, Devilish, Fiendish
The young widow came to the party with her two cherubic children, a boy and a girl, both of them the cutest little creatures I've ever seen.
- **Chicanery (n)** (نفلی بحث، فریب کاری) Trickery, Deceitful practice
Synonyms: Subterfuge, Duplicity, Dubiousness
Antonyms: Ingenuousness, Sincerity, Truthfulness
In an act of blatant and deceitful chicanery, the cab driver quickly replaced the Rs.500 note I'd given him with Rs.100 note, and demanded more money.
- **Chide (v)** (برہانہ کرنا، ملامت کرنا) Scold, Complain angrily
Synonyms: Upbraid, Reproach, Rebuke
Antonyms: Praise, Extol, Exalt
Even as the teacher chided him for not submitting his task on time, he did not show any signs of regret or repentance.
- **Chimerical (adj.)** (خیالی، بے بنیاد) Imaginary, Fanciful
Synonyms: Whimsical, Quixotic
Antonyms: Realistic, Pragmatic
What appeared as a rather chimerical and improbable scheme at first, was now looking perfectly reasonable and feasible as a select team of experts got down to implementing it.
- **Chisel (n & v)** (چھینی، برسا، چھینی سے کٹری یا پتھر کو کاٹنا یا شکل دینا) Steel-edged tool with square bevelled end for shaping wood
Synonyms: Blade, Edge, Gouge
Antonyms:
With his miraculous set of hammer and chisel, the master sculptor transformed the ordinary piece of rock into the most exquisite statue of Abraham Lincoln.
- **Chisel (v)** (دھوکا دہی یا دغا بازی سے حاصل کرنا) Swindle or obtain by deceit
Synonyms: Deceive, Betray
Antonyms: Protect, Shield
As always, saying that he did not have any loose change to pay the cab fare, he managed to chisel 15-odd dollars out of me.
- **Chivalrous (adj.)** (خوش خلق، شریف، بہادر) Courteous, Honourable
Synonyms: Courteous, Polite, Civil
Antonyms: Rude, Offensive, Uncouth
There was hardly a woman at the ball who was not impressed by the Italian's perfectly crafted features and his chivalrous manners.

- **Choleric (adj.)** (غصیلیا، تند مزاج) Angry, easily angered or irritated
Synonyms: Irrascible, Biliious, Splenetic
Antonyms: Cool hearted
As he moved up the hierarchy, his attitude towards his juniors became increasingly intolerant and choleric, and he would snap at them at the slightest of issues.
- **Choreography (n)** (فنِ رقص) Art of representing dances in written symbols, Arrangement of dances
Synonyms: Composition, Manoeuvring, Sequence of Steps
Antonyms:
The movie had some fabulous choreography in my opinion.
- **Chortle (v)** (بے ساختہ اور کھل کر اس طرح ہنسا کر اطمینان کا اظہار ہو، قہقہہ لگانا) A laugh of pleasure and satisfaction, Chuckle
Synonyms: Chuckle, Giggle, Laugh
Antonyms: Weep, Sob, Suppurate
I think the way he chortled at your suggestion was rather rude; I didn't see anything funny in your suggestion.
- **Chronic (adj.)** (زیادہ عرصہ رہنے والی یا لمبے عرصہ تک بار بار ہونے والی بیماری، دیرینہ) Lingering, Lasting (of disease), Inveterate
Synonyms: Severe, Intense, Obstinate
Antonyms: Intermittent, Occasional, Temporary
Being a chronic patient of asthma, he has to carry an inhaler with him wherever he goes.
- **Chronicle (n & v)** (واقعات کا روزنامہ، روزانہ میں لکھنا) Record of events in order of time, To make such a record
Synonyms: Diary, History, Journal
Antonyms: Hide, Secret
Today's newspaper has carried a chronicle of all the events leading to the impeachment motion of the President.
- **Churl (n)** (گنوار، کم ذات، غیر مہذب) Person of low birth, ill-mannered person, a disrespectful person
Synonyms: Uncivilised, Niggard, Oaf
Antonyms: Churlish, Gracious, Polite
Although he belongs to a rather well-to-do family, he behaved like an absolute churl at the department store, pestering the saleswoman for a discount and fighting with the cashier for an insignificant amount.
- **Chutzpah (n)** (ستکبرانہ اعتماد) Confidence, usually of a disrespectful and arrogant nature
Synonyms: Arrogance, Audacity
Antonyms: Humility, Meekness, Servility
Even though he was not officially authorized to enter the stadium, he relied on his persuasive powers and chutzpah to get past the security.
- **Cinch (n)** (ایک آسان یا یقینی شے) An easy or sure thing
Synonyms: Cakewalk, Child's Play
Antonyms: Challenge, Test

- With an impressive series of victories behind him this season, and his opponent's weakness on clay courts, Sampras' victory in the second round of the French Open was expected to be a cinch.
- **Cipher** (*n*) (خفیہ نوکی، غیر اہم فیض یا چیز) 1. A system of writing in code, 2. A person of no importance or influence
Synonyms: Nonentity, Code, Symbols
Antonyms: Known, Decode
1. With regular practice, the two friends developed a system of writing in cipher which could only be understood by the two of them.
2. In the entire scheme of things, though I was being portrayed as playing a central part, I soon realized that I was actually a cipher and the whole operation was being controlled by some unknown force.
 - **Circuitous** (*adj.*) (بگردار، بالواسطہ) Roundabout, Indirect
Synonyms: Meandering, Tortuous, Oblique
Antonyms: Direct, Straight
I could never understand why he uses such circuitous language to convey something as simple as this -- I wonder if anybody can comprehend what he says.
 - **Circumlocution** (*n*) (بسیار گوئی، طول کلام) Evasive talk, A round-about expression, Use of many words where few would do
Synonyms: Tautology, Prolivity, Verbosity
Antonyms: Conciseness, Directness, Terseness
Though the spokesperson of the political party is considered a master at the art of circumlocution, even he was at a loss for words asked about his party's supporting the new law in the Parliament.
 - **Circumscribe** (*v*) (حد بندی کرنا، گھیرنا) Lay down limits of, Confine, Define logically
Synonyms: Restrict, Hamper, Delineate
Antonyms: Liberate, Release, Unshackle
This set of rules and regulations circumscribe your authority -- make sure that you do not exceed what is stated here in the use of your power.
 - **Circumspect** (*adj.*) (مختط، چوکس) Cautious, Done after careful thought
Synonyms: Prudent, Discreet
Antonyms: Cursorily, Hastily
Fearing that it could be a bomb, the policeman circumspectly examined the strange looking object that had appeared from almost nowhere.
 - **Circumvent** (*v*) (نام میں لانا، دھوکا دینا) To avoid or defeat by going round something
Synonyms: Evade, Thwart, Outwit
Antonyms: Allow, Assist, Help
In his Independence Day speech, the Prime Minister totally circumvented the delicate issue of bilateral relations with our neighbouring country, and spoke only of the achievements of his government in the last one year.
 - **Cistern** (*n*) (پانی یا دیگر مائع کا ذخیرہ کرنے کا چوڑی، جھڑی) Reservoir or water tank
Synonyms: Reservoir, Tank, Boiler
The overhead cistern which supplies water to the two apartments was choked, because of which we did not have any water yesterday.

- **Citadel** (*n*) (قلعہ، آخری حصے پناہ) 1. Fortress (one guarding or dominating a city), 2. Any secure place
Synonyms: Castle, Refuge, Bastion
Antonyms: Weak Spot, Weakness
Seeing that he was in danger of being captured by the enemy forces, the king hurriedly retreated to his citadel on the hill.
- **Cite** (*v*) (حوالہ دینا، ذکر کرنا) To mention or quote, usu. as an example
Synonyms: Mention, Refer To
Antonyms: Disparage, Belittle
The concluding part of the report on development in Asian countries cites the example of Indonesia, which has been able to make considerable economic progress despite severe difficulties within the economy.
- **Clairvoyance** (*n*) (غیب دانی، روشِ خیر) Having the power to see mentally what is happening or exists out of sight. Acute perception, esp. of what is not ordinarily discernible
Synonyms: Perspicacity, Insight, Omen, Penetration
Antonyms: Ignorance, Thoughtlessness
Almost as if I were gifted with the power of clairvoyance, I had a distinct feeling right from the beginning that the meeting would be a failure.
- **Clamber** (*v*) (ہاتھ پاؤں سے چڑھنا، مشکل سے چڑھنا) Climb with hand and feet, Climb with difficulty
Synonyms: Mount, Climb
Antonyms: Descend, Fall
The only way we could reach the fortress at the top of the hill was to clamber up the steep cliff on the western side of the hill, as all the other sides were heavily guarded.
- **Clamour** (*n & v*) (شور و غل، دہائی پٹا) Loud, confused noise To make such noise
Synonyms: Convulsion, Discord, Pandemonium
Antonyms: Quiet, Silence
There was no way I could have heard her voice above the loud clamour of the children playing in the field.
- **Clandestine** (*adj.*) (چھپی، مخفی) Done secretly
Synonyms: Surreptitious, Stealthy
Antonyms: Overt, Obvious
In a clandestine operation that came to light only when the bank opened the following day, a daring group of robbers gained access to the basement lockers and stole over \$ 50 million worth of cash and precious stones.
- **Clangour** (*n*) (سلسلِ جھنجھٹانے یا ٹھنڈھٹانے کی آواز) Succession of loud, clanging noises
Synonyms: Ringing, Tolling
Antonyms: Silent, Quiet
The alarm clangoured throughout the building
- **Claque** (*n*) (بھارتیہ کا بھارت، مدد خوار) Hired group of applauders
Synonyms: Lobby
Antonyms: Opposition

During his election campaign, the politician took with him a **claque** of supporters, whose only job was to applaud his statements at every point that he made.

- **Clarion** (n & adj) (الآواز بلند و صاف) Loud and clear sound
Synonyms: Rousing, Stimulating
Antonyms: Whisper, Murmuring
I heard the clarion call of a battle trumpet.
- **Clasp** (v & n) (جوڑیں، لپکتا ہوا، لپکتا ہوا) Fasten, Encircle, Hold closely
Anything that clasps
Synonyms: Embrace, Grasp, Clutch
Antonyms: Cleave, Split
The enormous guerrilla clasped his neck with his bare hands, and he could not even let out a shriek.
- **Claustrophobia** (n) (غیر بخیر خوف، خوفِ محصور) Fear of being locked up in a small enclosed space
I'm feeling rather claustrophobic in this small room, so I'm going out for a stroll in the park.
- **Cleave** (v) (ٹکڑے، ٹکڑے، ٹکڑے، ٹکڑے) Split, chop, break or come apart
Synonyms: Cut, Dissect
Antonyms: Join, Meld, Unite
The butcher expertly cleaved the large piece of meat into small, edible pieces with his sharp knife.
- **Cleft** (n) (ٹکڑے، ٹکڑے، ٹکڑے، ٹکڑے) A crack, split or fissure
Synonyms: Crevice, Crack
Antonyms: Join, Meld, Unite
However hard they are trying to behave normally as if nothing has happened, the cleft in their friendship since last Sunday's incident is unmistakable.
- **Clemency** (n) (مہربانی، مہربانی) 1. An inclination to be lenient while passing judgement; 2. Mildness, esp. of weather
Synonyms: Mercy, Compassion, Leniency
Antonyms: Severity, Strictness, Ruthlessness
1. Saying that the accused was old and had a family to support, the counsel pleaded the judge for clemency.
2. There were signs of imminent rain in the morning, however, the weather remained clement and the match was played as per schedule.
- **Cliche** (n) (جملہ، جملہ، جملہ، جملہ) Phrase dulled in meaning by repetition
Synonyms: Cliché, Truism
Antonyms: Novelty, Innovation
However clichéd this may sound to everyone here, honesty, for me, will always remain the best policy.
- **Clientele** (n) (مشتریان، مشتریان) Those who use the services of a business
Synonyms: Customers, Clients, Consumers
Antonyms: Proprietor, Administrator

The eminent tax consultant's clientele consisted of the rich and famous of the Chicago high society.

- **Climactic** (adj) (اوج، اوج) Relating to the climax or the highest point
Synonyms: Climax, Culminating
Antonyms: Ordinary, Final
With the two teams tied at 95 points each and just 3 minutes remaining, the basketball match was poised for a climactic finish.
- **Climatic** (adj) (مناخ، مناخ) Relating to the climate
Synonyms: Barometrical, Meteorological
Antonyms: Grounded
The progress of this region has been hampered because of very harsh climatic conditions - the average temperature in this area is over 40 degree Celsius.
- **Clique** (n) (گروہ، گروہ، گروہ، گروہ) A small and exclusive coterie of persons; group of persons united by common interest
Synonyms: Faction, Gang, Group
Antonyms: Though the four industrialists were in the same business and fierce competitors of each other, they were also the members of an exclusive clique that selectively helped anti-government activists.
- **Clod** (n) (لٹ، لٹ، لٹ، لٹ) A lump or mass, esp. of clay. Also clumsy, stupid, awkward person
Synonyms: Dunc, Foul, Imbecile
Antonyms: Sophisticate, Alert
He buried the treasure in a remote corner of the field and marked the spot with a harmless-looking clod of mud.
- **Cloister** (n) (منازل، منزل، منزل، منزل) To shut oneself away from the world, live in or as if in a monastery or a convent
Synonyms: Sequester, Seclude
For over three years, he lived a cloistered life in the Himalayas, trying to discover the secrets of life and not even once talking to another human being.
- **Clout** (n) (تأثیر، اثر، اثر، اثر) Great influence (especially political or social)
Synonyms: Power, Authority, Command
Antonyms: Submission, Subjugation
His brother-in-law had just been elected a senator, and he tried to use his political clout to win the contract for the construction of the bridge.
- **Cloy** (v) (بھاری، بھاری، بھاری، بھاری) To satisfy or fill to excess in the extent of disgust or boredom
Synonyms: Glut, Sate, Quench
Antonyms: Amuse, Charm, Excite
By the time the waiters brought in the dessert, I had eaten so much that I was absolutely cloyed.

- **Coagulate (v)** (رقیق سے گہرے لیس دار مادے میں تبدیل ہو جانا، جمنا) Change from a liquid to a solid state
Synonyms: Congeal, Clot, Solidify
Antonyms: Dissipate, Dispel, Squander
 The coagulation of blood on its impact with air is a perfect example of how the human body has built-in defence mechanisms to protect itself.
- **Coalesce (v)** (پارٹیوں کا یکجا ہو جانا، متحد ہونا) Grow together to form one body, combine
Synonyms: Merge, Integrate, Join
Antonyms: Vide, Separate
 The two insurance companies which had been fierce competitors hitherto, have coalesced to form one large insurance company, the largest in the country.
- **Coalition (n)** (استراج، جماعتوں یا ریاستوں کا کسی مشترک مقصد کے لیے رضا کارانہ باہمی اتحاد) A temporary collaboration between political parties to attain specific ends
Synonyms: Alliance, League, Union
Antonyms: Separation, Division, Dismemberment
 The two political parties, ideologically opposite to each other, came together to form a coalition government; and no one thought that this alliance would last more than six months.
- **Coda (n)** (ایک صوتی حرکت کا اختتامی حصہ) A short, independent musical passage that ends a bigger piece of music
Synonyms: Addendum, Postscript
Antonyms: Foreword, Prelude
 The master musician ended the concert with a beautiful coda in C-minor, which he dedicated to the memory of Beethoven.
- **Coddle (v)** (لاڈ کرنا، تار برداری کرنا) To pamper, Treat protectively, or as a child
Synonyms: Mollycoddle, Overprotect, Cocoon
Antonyms: Spoil, Destroy, Devastate
 The ungracious child had been coddled by well-meaning parents.
- **Codicil (n)** (وصیت نامے کا ضمیر) An appendix to a document, esp. to a will
Synonyms: Addendum, Postscript, Supplement
Antonyms: Foundation, Principal
 just before he died, the wealthy farmer added a codicil to his will by which he gave away one-fourth of his estate to charity.
- **Codify (v)** (مجموعی قوانین مرتب کرنا) Arrange as a code, Classify
Synonyms: Classify, Code, Collect
Antonyms: Disorganise, Unsystematise
 The message was received in a codified format, and it took the secret service nearly a week to completely decipher it.
- **Coerce (v)** (دباؤ ڈالنا، استبداد سے کام لینا) To make someone do something by force
Synonyms: Compel, Pressurise, Intimidate
Antonyms: Compliment, Praise
 She had to coerce her little daughter to swallow the bitter medicine.
- **Coeval (adj.)** (ایم، ایم، زمانہ) Of the same age or duration
Synonyms: Contemporary, Existing
Antonyms: Old, Previous, Prior
 He is more serious than his Coevals.
- **Cogent (adj.)** (مضبوط، پختہ، نشین) Strong and convincing
Synonyms: Compelling, Well-Argued
Antonyms: Unconvincing, Fatuous
 None of the arguments that the defence counsel put forth in support of the accused were cogent enough for the judge to give a judgement in his favour.
- **Cogitate (v)** (گہرا سوچ بچار کرنا، غور کرنا) Think deeply
Synonyms: Ponder, Meditate
Antonyms: Ignore, Neglect
 His silence suggested that he was deeply cogitating about the consequences of his decision, yet he could not come up with anything meaningful when he finally spoke up.
- **Cognate (n)** (خونی رشتہ دار، قبیلی تعلق) Descended from common ancestor (of a living creature or a word)
Synonyms: Consanguine, Generic, Kindred
Antonyms: Dissimilar, Unalike, Unallied
 The latest findings of the study of human genes indicates that all human beings on earth are cognates of the same African couple, a finding that has baffled scientists all over the world.
- **Cognisant (adj.)** (دائق، ذی اوراک) Being aware of or having knowledge of something
Synonyms: Aware, Mindful
Antonyms: Ignorant, Unaware
 The court was shocked to discover that the key witness had been cognizant about the identity of the culprit throughout the proceedings of the case, despite swearing in the name of God that he was not aware who the culprit was.
- **Cognitive (adj.)** (عارف، گیانی، دائف) Having to do with knowing or receiving, Related to the mental processes
Synonyms: Emotional, Experimental, Intellective
Antonyms: Bodily, Physical
 The accident has severely impaired his cognitive abilities -- there are times when he is not even able to recognize his own brother.
- **Cognomen (n)** (لقب، عزیت) A name, surname or title; e.g., Great in 'Alexander the Great'
Synonyms: Appellation, designation, Title
 Because of his fastest century, Shahid Afridi was given the cognomen of Boom Boom.
- **Cognoscenti (n)** (صاحبان ذوق، ناقدین) Experts in a particular field
Synonyms: Connoisseurs, Savant, Specialist
Antonyms: Ignoramus, Tyro, Amateur

Because of his remarkable knowledge of classical music, the musical cognoscenti of the town soon accepted him as one of them.

- **Cohere** (v) (آہم چپکنا، متحد ہونا، یکسانی ہونا) Stick together, remain united, Be consistent
Synonyms: Coalesce, Combine, Connect
Antonyms: Divide, Fall Off, Separate
 Even though the story had various sub-plots, the film had been so well-directed that the narration never lacked coherence.
- **Cohesion** (n) (آہم چپکائی، یکجہتی) Sticking together, Tendency to remain united
Synonyms: Adherence, Attachment, Coherence
Antonyms: Independence, Sovereignty
 According to the experts, the main reason for the remarkable performance of the Australian cricket team in recent times is its cohesion as a team at all times – both on and off the field, the players stick together as a single unit.
- **Coiffure** (n) (بال بنانے کا طریقہ) Hair-style
 He came back from the salon with a new, stylish coiffure -- one that made him look much younger than he was.
- **Collaborate** (v) (ساتھ مل کر کام کرنا، تعاون کرنا) Work together, cooperate
Synonyms: Join, Collude, Assist
Antonyms: Disagree, Divorce, Part
 They may work either in collaboration or independently.
- **Collage** (n) (ایک قسم کا فن آرٹ جس میں مختلف اشیاء کو ترتیب دے کر ایک خوشنما طریقے سے لگا یا جاتا ہے) Work of art put together from fragments
Synonyms: Abstract Composition, Found Art, Photomontage
 The landscape of the area presented a beautiful collage of various geographical features – green hills, a river flowing across, a waterfall and also a patch of dry, rocky land.
- **Collate** (v) (مطابقت کرنا، مقابلہ کرنا، اکٹھا کر کے ترتیب دینا) 1. Compare in detail 2. Collect and arrange systematically
Synonyms: Assemble, Pool, Gather
Antonyms: Disband, Separate, Disperse
 1. The professor collated the results of the research of the two teams who had worked on very similar projects, and was surprised to find that the findings were totally different.
- **Collateral** (n) (مکفول جائیداد، اضافی ضمانت) 1. Property pledged against a debt, 2. Additional, but with less importance
Synonyms: Assurance, Bond, Auxiliary, Circuitous
Antonyms: Main, Primary, Principal
 1. In order to get a loan for paying your tuition fees, you will need to provide a collateral worth at least twice the amount of loan to the bank.
- **Colloquial** (adj.) (روز مرہ کی بول چال کا، مکالماتی) Language in ordinary, informal usage. Not used in formal language
Synonyms: Idiomatic, Jive, Popular
Antonyms: Polished, Formal, Standard

Many expressions in English which have only been used colloquially so far, are now being accepted as a part of the formal English language.

- **Collusion** (n) (غیر سازش، ملی بھگت) Secret understanding between two or more people with a fraudulent intention
Synonyms: Conspiracy, Involvement, Approval
Antonyms: Estrangement, Hostility
 The theft of these documents could only have been committed by way of a collusion between at least two members of this team; I don't believe that an individual could have done it.
- **Colossal** (adj.) (دلی بیکر، عظیم الشان) Gigantic, Huge
Synonyms: Gargantuan, Massive
Antonyms: Minor, Ignorable
 The losses suffered by the company over the last several years have accumulated to a colossal figure of over ten million dollars; there's no way that the economic fortune of the company can be revived.
- **Comatose** (adj.) (بیہوشی، اوجھٹا ہوا) 1. In a coma, deeply unconscious, 2. Extremely sleepy and inactive
Synonyms: Exhausted, Passed out, Shattered
Antonyms: Alert, Energetic
 1. She has been rendered comatose ever since she heard the news of the demise of his 20-year old son.
- **Combustible** (adj.) (اشتعال پذیر، شعلہ خور) Capable of or used for burning
Synonyms: Inflammable, Explosive
Antonyms: Non-combustible, Non-explosive
 He had no idea that the liquid in the bucket was combustible, so was totally taken aback when it burst into flames as soon as he accidentally dropped cigarette ash into it.
- **Comely** (adj.) (خوش کن، دلکش) Having a pleasing appearance, attractive
Synonyms: Gorgeous, Beauteous
Antonyms: Unattractive, Unappealing
 Ever since the comely young girl has moved into the neighbourhood, said the lady to her husband, our son has been behaving in a rather funny fashion.
- **Comestibles** (n) (اشیائے خوردنی) Things to eat
Synonyms: Eatable, Edible
Antonyms: Inedible, Indigestible
 Not knowing where their next meal was going to come from, the poor, malnourished children were intently gathering comestibles from the trash dumped by the garbage van.
- **Comity** (n) (شائستگی، عین الاتواقی احترام یا دوستی) Courtesy, Friendliness
Synonyms: Civility, Politeness, Respect
Antonyms: Discord, Affability
 Though I had bitterly fought with him just a few days back, he showed remarkable comity in his behaviour towards me when I met him in the store this morning.

- **Commandeer** (v) (فوجی ضرورت کی بنا پر سامان ضبط کر لینا، رعب جمانا) To seize for military service
Synonyms: Confiscate, Enslave, Expropriate
Antonyms: Appropriate, Give, Hand Over
Fearing that our vehicle could be commandeered because of the war-like situation building up, we decided to hide it in our farmhouse which was unlikely to be searched.
- **Commemorate** (v) (سچیدہ تقریب منعقد کر کے یاد ماننا، یادگار قائم کرنا) To honour a memory through a ceremony
Synonyms: Celebrate, Remember, Honour
Antonyms: Ignore, disregard, Neglect
The citizens commemorate the anniversary of the revolution with a march and a parade.
- **Commensurate** (adj.) (متناسب، ہم نسبت) Equal in size or quality, Equivalent, Proportionate
Synonyms: Matching, Appropriate, Equal
Antonyms: Disproportionate, Uneven, Inconsistent
Within a few days, she started feeling that her salary was not commensurate with the amount of work she was being asked to do, and started looking for a better-paying job.
- **Commiserate** (v) (درد کا اظہار، ہمدردی) To feel or express sorrow or compassion, to condole with
Synonyms: Sympathize, Console, Pity
The Prime Minister has said that he commiserates with those who have lost their dear ones in the explosion, and affirmed that the terrorists behind the dreadful act will not be spared.
- **Commodious** (adj.) (گنجائش دار، وسیع اور مناسب) Spacious, Having plenty of space
Synonyms: Roomy, Vast
Antonyms: Cramped, Overcrowded
For its small size, the newly launched car is quite commodious -- I never thought we all could fit into it so comfortably.
- **Communal** (adj.) (گروہی، فرقہ بندی، داراست) 1. Shared by all members of a group, 2. Related to, or based on, racial, religious, or language groups
Synonyms: Collective, Common
Antonyms: Private, Personal
1. This room serves as a communal living room for all the inhabitants of this infirmary; all of them gather here every evening to watch the television.
2. They have decided to produce a film in order to promote communal harmony and diffuse the tension between the two religions.
- **Communion** (n) (خیالات و احساسات کا روحانی تبادلہ، مذہبی گروہ) Sharing or exchange of thoughts, ideas, or feelings on a religious issue
Synonyms: Fellowship, Harmony, Intercommunication
Antonyms: Antagonism, Contention, Disagreement
He considered his frequent visits to the shrine at the top of the hill as his way of communion with the Almighty.

- **Compatible** (adj.) (مطابقت، سازگار) Able to exist together, harmonious
Synonyms: Attuned, Friendly
Antonyms: Incompatible, Different
Though they had known each other for over a year, it was only after they got married that they realized that their ideas were just not compatible with each other.
- **Compelling** (adj.) (مجبور کن، ناقابلِ مذمت) Overpowering, Irresistible in effect
Synonyms: Gripping, Forceful
Antonyms: Unconvincing, Feeble
His blood-stained shirt proved to be the decisive and compelling evidence against him, and the judge had no difficulty in declaring him guilty.
- **Compendious** (adj.) (جامع، خلاصہ) Giving much information concisely
Synonyms: Elaborating, Expounding, Compact
Antonyms: Verbose, Garrulous, Wordy
This book is a compendious source of information on the history of Subcontinent.
- **Compensatory** (adj.) (معاوضہ، تلافی کرنے والا) Repaying, Making up for
Synonyms: Redeeming, Remunerative
Antonyms: Harm, Hurt
Since he had come to the office on Sunday, he was granted a compensatory leave on Tuesday.
- **Complacent** (adj.) (آسودہ خاطر، ظنّی) Pleased with oneself, smug
Synonyms: Contented, Satisfied
Antonyms: Dissatisfied, Frustrated
Winning the earlier rounds with ease had made him quite complacent, which proved to be the major reason for his loss in the semi-finals.
- **Complaisant** (adj.) (دوسروں کو خوش کرنے کی طرف مائل، مہربان، خوش خلق) Willing to please others, that is, obliging and gracious
Synonyms: Amiable, Affable, Friendly
Antonyms: Obdurate, Obstinate, Adamant
His complaisance makes him very popular in the neighbourhood -- he is always willing to run errands for others.
- **Complement** (n & v) (تکمیل، پوری تعداد، عملہ کرنا) That which completes
Synonyms: Eulogise, Harmonise
Antonyms: Disparage
The two brothers made a good team as they perfectly complemented each other's abilities -- while Frank was good at reasoning and analyzing things, Joe was adept at putting plans into action.
- **Compliant** (adj.) (فرمان بردار، حکم ماننے والا) Action in accordance with request, Conformity in fulfilling requirements
Synonyms: Amenable, Acquiescent, Accommodating
Antonyms: Adamant, Obstinate, Resolute
All the cars manufactured in India since April 2000 comply with the Euro-II emission standards for pollution control.

- **Complicity (n)** (جرم میں شرکت، سازش) Involvement in wrong doing
Synonyms: Connivance, Conspiracy
Antonyms: Exoneration, Exculpation
While it was obvious from the beginning that the notorious swindler was involved in the fraudulent shares case, the complicity of the reputed stock broker in the same case came as a shock to most people.
- **Comport (v)** ((اپنی ذات کے متعلق) چلن یا طریقہ اختیار کرنا، موافق کرنا) Behave (oneself) in a stated way
Synonyms: Accord, Harmonize, Conduct
Antonyms: Contradict, Disagree,
She comported herself with great dignity at her husband's funeral.
- **Composure (n)** (دماغی سکون، اطمینان) Mental calmness, a steady, unworried state of the mind
Synonyms: Serenity, Tranquillity
Antonyms: Bustle, Commotion
She was a picture of absolute grace and composure at her husband's funeral – remarkably concealing the turmoil within herself.
- **Compromise (n & v)** (تسکین، مفاہات، آپس کی رضامندی سے جھگڑا چکانا) Settlement by mutual concession, Adjustment of conflicting opinions
Synonyms: Conciliation, Settlement
Antonyms: Confrontation, Altercation
The negotiations between the players and management continued for over two weeks before a compromise could be reached between the two parties, with the players agreeing to participate in the tournament and the management accepting most of their demands.
- **Compunction (n)** (ضمیر کی غلش، عداست یا پشیمانی) Uneasiness and hesitation stemming from a sense of guilt or regret
Synonyms: Scruples, Qualm
Antonyms: Satisfaction, Pleasure
After the way I had been insulted by the owner of the company, I did not have any compunction about quitting the organization.
- **Concave (adj.)** (محراب دار، مجوف) With outline or surface curved like interior of circle or sphere
Synonyms: Dipped, Hollow
Antonyms: Convex
He was shocked to see his distorted reflection in the mirror, before he realized that he was looking into a concave mirror.
- **Concede (v)** ((بے رغبتی سے تسلیم کرنا، اجازت دینا) To admit as correct, often unwillingly. Also, to provide a right, allow
Synonyms: Admit, Compromise
Antonyms: Maintain, Uphold
With great reluctance, the manager conceded that he had been wrong in assuming that the customer would make the payment in time.
- **Conceit (n)** (خود بینی، زعم باطل) Too high a notion of oneself
Synonyms: Arrogance, Vanity
Antonyms: Altruism, Humanity

- She is so full of conceit that she regards everybody else's opinion as incorrect, and thinks that only she is right.
- **Concentric (adj.)** (ایک مرکز والا) Having a common centre
Concentric circles are two circles which have the same centre, and thus can never intersect each other.
 - **Conception (n)** (گمان، تصور) A general idea or understanding. Also, the act of forming such idea
Synonyms: Beginning, Commencement, Notion
Antonyms: Being, Concrete
Even after being duped by him, she still believes in her conception that people are basically good.
 - **Concerted (adj.)** (رضامندی سے ملے کیا ہوا منصوبہ، متفقہ، فیصلہ شدہ) Done together, Planned or executed in agreement. Also, determined
Synonyms: Rigorous, Strenuous, Concentrated
Antonyms: Scrawny, Feeble
In a concerted effort, various social organizations have collected a huge sum of money for the welfare of the people rendered homeless in the earthquake.
 - **Concierge (n)** (دربان، عمارت کے دروازے پر کھڑا ہونے والا پہرے دار) A person who looks after the entrance to a block of flats or a hotel
Synonyms: Gatekeeper, Janitor
As per my usual routine, I locked my apartment, came down the stairs, handed the apartment key to the concierge, and left for my work.
 - **Conciliate (v)** (مٹانا، راضی کرنا، غصہ ٹھنڈا کرنا) To win the trust of someone, Remove disfavour or anger
Synonyms: Pacify, Soothe, Placate
Antonyms: Quarrel, Tease
He tried hard to win back her favour, but all his attempts at conciliation were snubbed by her.
 - **Concise (adj.)** (مختصر اور جامع، اختصار پسند) Expressing a lot in few words, Brief and to-the-point
Synonyms: Terse, Pithy, Succinct
Antonyms: Wordy, Verbose
The question paper clearly asked for clear and concise answers, so you were bound to lose marks for giving such meaninglessly lengthy and descriptive answers.
 - **Conclave (n)** (نجی اجتماع، خفیہ جلسہ) A private meeting or secret assembly
Synonyms: Parley, Powwow, Gathering
The final decision about the merger of the company was taken at a secret conclave held yesterday at an undisclosed venue and attended by the chairman and a select team from the top management.
 - **Concomitant (adj.)** (ایک دوسرے کے ساتھ لازماً و ملزم) Accompanying or existing together with something else
Synonyms: Associated, Attendant, Affiliated

The spread of Islam outside the Arabian Peninsula was concomitant with the spread of Arabic in the 7th and 8th centuries AD.

- **Concord (n)** (اتفاق، انساؤں یا چیزوں کے درمیان ہم آہنگی) Agreement, Harmony between persons or things

Synonyms: Accord, Accordance, Agreement

Antonyms: Dissonance, Difference

The enthusiasm shown by the dignitaries of the two warring nations could be the first step towards reaching a concord on their prolonged dispute.

- **Concourse (n)** (اتحاد، مجمع، نجوم) A large area in a public building where people gather in or pass through

Synonyms: Forecourt, Courtyard, Hall

Antonyms: Office, Home

I told her that I'll be waiting for her at the main concourse of the airport, but forgot to mention how she would recognise me among so many people gathered in that hall.

- **Concur (v)** (ایک ساتھ واقع ہونا، متفق ہونا) 1. Happen together, Coincide 2. Agree, Have the same opinion

Synonyms: Coincide, Correspond

Antonyms: Dissent, Disagree

1. No one had expected that the two highly improbable events would concur, so their occurrence at the same time took astronomers all over the world by complete surprise.

2. I concur with you in your decision to leave the company, but I suggest you wait till you find another job.

- **Concussion (v)** (دماغی جھٹ، صدمہ) Brain damage caused by a heavy blow or shock, usually temporary

Synonyms: Punch, Shock, Trauma

The doctor has diagnosed his injury as a mild concussion, and has advised complete rest for at least a week.

- **Condescend (v)** (خود تہی کرنا، جھٹنا) To consent to do something less dignified or fitting than usual

Synonyms: Deign, Be Courteous, Bend

Antonyms: Compliment, Laud, Praise

We know you've just got a promotion and are now our boss, but will you please condescend to join us for lunch?

- **Condign (adj.)** (مستحق، سزاوار) Worthy of or deserving punishment

Synonyms: Deserved, Fitting, Just

Antonyms: Inadequate, Undeserved

Imprisonment for three years is not a condign punishment for a crime like this, I feel he should be in jail for at least ten years.

- **Condiment (n)** (مصلی، چٹنی) Thing used to give flavour to food,

Synonyms: Spices, Seasoning

Antonyms: Food

The Kashmiri dish had several peculiar spices and herbs added as condiments, giving it the most exquisite aroma and flavour.

- **Condole (v)** (تہنیت کرنا، افسوس کرنا) To express sympathy to someone who has experienced great misfortune or sorrow

Synonyms: Commiserate, Console, Pity

Antonyms: Annoy, Bother, Distress

They sent their condolences at her father's demise.

- **Condone (v)** (معاف کرنا، درگزر کرنا، چشم پوشی کرنا) Forgive, Pardon, Overlook

Synonyms: Disregard, Pardon

Antonyms: Decry, Denounce

To condone a child's nagging and demanding behaviour as mere childishness is a sure way of spoiling the child.

- **Condor (n)** (شاہو، امریکا کا بڑا گدھ) Large American vulture

The National Geographic team camped in the Peruvian Andes for nearly a week before it could photograph a huge condor swooping down on its prey.

- **Conducive (adj.)** (مائل، مدد، باعث) Likely to yield the desired result, Helping to make something happen

Synonyms: Favourable, Advantageous

Antonyms: Counteract

The lawlessness and backwardness that prevails in this state is just not conducive to economic development.

- **Conduit (n)** (نالی، پائپ، آپ گزر) Pipe or channel for conveying water or liquid.

Also, any passage or channel through which something flows

Synonyms: Rivulet, Waterway, Brook

The investigation revealed that the perpetrators used innocent people as conduits to pass on fake currency notes into the country.

- **Confabulate (v)** (بے تکلفی سے بات چیت کا ہونا، گفتگو کرنا) To talk privately

Synonyms: Chitchat, Confab, Discuss

Antonyms: Sermon

I've observed that he's been having a series of confabulations with Ricardo lately; wonder what's brewing between them?

- **Confidant (n)** (ہمراز، قابل اعتبار) Person trusted with private affairs

Synonyms: Adherent, Adviser, Alter Ego

Antonyms: Enemy, Foe

His most trusted confidant, with whom he had unhesitatingly shared all his secrets, betrayed him and led to his ruin.

- **Confine (v)** (حد بانو ہونا، محدود کرنا) To keep within limits, Restrict

Synonyms: Incarcerate, Restrain

Antonyms: Liberate, Release

The disease is now no longer confined to the poor, ignorant people; it has been reported even in the upper class society.

- **Confiscate (v)** (مقتن سرکار ضبط کرنا، زبردستی چھین لینا) Seize with authority

Synonyms: Impound, Seize

Antonyms: Release, Reimburse

The police have confiscated his passport to prevent him from leaving the country.

- **Conflagration** (n) (آتش زدگی، شعلہ) Great and destructive fire. Also, any sudden, violent event that involves a large number of people
Synonyms: Blaze, Forest Fire, Inferno
It is feared that these minor incidents of skirmishes on the border might escalate into a major conflagration, if immediate action is not taken.
- **Confluence** (n) (میل ملاپ، سنگم) The place where two rivers flow together and become one larger river
Synonyms: Convergence, Gathering, Junction
The American culture is a result of a confluence of many other cultures.
- **Conform** (v) (اطاعت کرنا، کسی نمونے کے مطابق ڈھالنا) To obey or act in accordance with established rules
Synonyms: Kowtow Match Obey
Antonyms: Rebel, Radical, Dissenter
We must conform to the bad economic situation.
- **Confound** (v) (گڈ بڑکنا، حیرت برپا کرنا) To confuse by being unexpected
Synonyms: Perplex, Disconfit
Antonyms: Enlighten, Explain
The master batsman, by announcing his desire to retire at the prime of his career, has confounded the entire nation.
- **Confront** (v) (دور درویشیا کرنا، مقابلہ کرنا) To face bravely or threateningly
Synonyms: Tackle, Face, Deal With
Antonyms: Avoid, Shun Evade
I had barely stepped out of the airport in the unfamiliar African country when a group of tough looking men confronted me and asked me if I wished to charge my dollars to the local currency.
- **Confute** (v) (غلط ثابت کرنا، تردید کرنا) To prove to be wrong
Synonyms: Disprove, Refute, Invalidate
Antonyms: Accept, Recognise, Acknowledge
The latest findings in the field of human genetics had effectively confuted the theory that racism stems from genetic differences between human beings.
- **Congee** (v) (جامد کرنا، ٹھس کرنا) To change from a fluid to a solid, harden
Synonyms: Solidify, Coagulate, Coalesce
Antonyms: Dissolve, Liquefy
Due to the sudden fall in temperature, the molten liquid began to congeal and form round yellow spots all over the surface of the white sheet.
- **Congenial** (adj.) (خوشگوار، ہم مزاج) Pleasant, In agreement with one's taste and nature
Synonyms: Affable, Hospitable
Antonyms: Hostile, Aggressive
Though the meeting was held in an apparently congenial atmosphere, anyone who observed closely would have felt the undercurrent of hostility between the two businessmen.
- **Congenital** (adj.) (پیدائشی، غلیظ) Existing from birth (usu. a disease)
Synonyms: Aboriginal, Native, Natural
Antonyms: Contracted, Added, Extra

- That twisted thumb of his is a congenital defect - there's nothing that doctors can do about it.
- **Conglomerate** (n) (مختلف صنعتوں کی کئی کمپنیوں پر مشتمل بینت اجتماعی، ڈھیر یا انبار) 1. A large business organization comprising several distinct companies, 2. Mass of different materials gathered together
Synonyms: Corporation, Multinational
Antonyms: Individual, Separate, Single
1. The three banks have decided to merge and form the largest financial conglomerate in the world.
 - **Congruent** (adj.) (مطابق، موافق) Having the same shape and size as another or each other
Synonyms: Harmonious, Matching, Fitting
Antonyms: Incompatible, Irreconcilable, Contrary
The exteriors of the two adjacent buildings have such congruent designs that I always get confused and enter the wrong one.
 - **Conifer** (n) (خزردہ ٹی شکل کا پودا، صنوبر کی قسم کا پودا) Cone-bearing plant
Coniferous trees on the hills have narrow, pointed leaves called needles so that the snow which falls on them can easily slip off.
 - **Conjecture** (n & v) (تقاس، اندازہ کرنا) Formation of opinion without sufficient grounds, Guessing
Synonyms: Surmise, Assumption, Speculation
Antonyms: Certainty, Conviction
My conjecture that the company would find itself in financial difficulties came true sooner than I had thought.
 - **Conjugal** (adj.) (ازدواجی، بیاہ کے متعلق) Pertaining to marriage
Synonyms: Connubial, Matrimonial
The prison allows conjugal visits thrice a week, when you can see a number of women outside the prison gates waiting to meet their prisoner husbands.
 - **Conjure** (v) (سحر کرنا، شعیہ باز کرنا) To cause to appear as if by magic, To practice magic. Also, to create in the mind
Synonyms: Juggle Invoke, Exorcise
As soon as he came on to the stage, the magician conjured up a packet of toffees from his hat, and threw the toffees at the children to their utter delight. My visit to the old school conjured up lots of memories - both pleasant and not-so-pleasant.
 - **Connive** (v) (چشم پوشی کرنا، نظر انداز کرنا) To work together for some illegal or fraudulent purpose
Synonyms: Intrigue, Machinate, Operate
Antonyms: Ruin, Stop, Waste
The policeman asserted with authority that the robbery could only have been committed with the connivance of an employee of the art gallery who was familiar with the layout of the gallery.

- **Connoisseur (n)** (فنون کا معبر، دقیق شناس) An expert on a subject, such as art or music, A person having deep knowledge on a particular subject
Synonyms: Aficionado, Authority, Virtuoso
Antonyms: Tyro, Apprentice, Novice
I'm no connoisseur of wines, but I know a good one when I taste one.
- **Connotation (n)** (تعبیر، اشاراتی مفہوم) Suggested or implied meaning of an expression
Synonyms: Implication, Nuance, Suggestion
Antonyms: Authenticity, Veracity
It was not appropriate for him to have used the word 'shrewd' to describe his predecessor – that word has a distinctly negative connotation.
- **Connubial (adj.)** (ازدواجی، شادی بیاہ کے متعلق) Pertaining to marriage
Synonyms: Conjugal, Matrimonial
Antonyms:
After leading a rather hectic life as a salesman for nearly five years, he has decided to get married and settle down to a life of connubial bliss.
- **Consanguineous (adj.)** (نم خون، نم جد، نم نسب) Having the same ancestor or lineage
Synonyms: Familial, Genealogical
Antonyms: External, Extrinsic
Though their consanguinity could not be established, everyone believed the two gentlemen had a common ancestor because of their close resemblance.
- **Conscientious (adj.)** (فرض شناس، با اصول، ایماندار) 1. Showing great seriousness of purpose 2. Scrupulous, Obedient to conscience
Synonyms: Meticulous, Painstaking, Diligent
Antonyms: Uncareful, Unconscientious, Unscrupulous
1. I took a conscientious decision to visit my ailing grand uncle at least once a week, knowing that he had no children who could take care of him.
2. The old cab driver conscientiously returned the pouch containing over 1500 dollars to the young business executive who had accidentally forgotten it in his cab.
- **Conscript (v)** (جبراً فوج میں بھرتی کرنا، جبری فوجی) Summon for compulsory military service
Synonyms: Draftee, Inductee
Antonyms: Ignored, Rejected
Some countries have a law by which as soon as a man turns 18, he is conscripted to serve in the army for a minimum period of two years.
- **Consecrate (v)** (مذہبی کام کے لیے وقف کرنا، مقدس بنانا) 1. To dedicate to sacred or religious use, 2. To devote to a specific cause
Synonyms: Sanctify, Bless, Exalt
Antonyms: Desecrate, Vandolize, Despoil
She consecrated her whole life to the service of the poor and the destitute.

- **Consensus (n)** (عام اتفاق رائے، استصواب رائے) A general agreement of opinion in a group
Synonyms: Compromise, Consent, Accord
Antonyms: Disagreement, Discrepancy, Deviation
Even after discussing the issue for over three hours, the committee could not reach a consensus on who should lead the expedition.
- **Consequential (adj.)** (مختص، لازمی) Important, Significant
Synonyms: Momentous, Substantial, Resulting
Antonyms: Nugatory, Inconsequential
The committee took nearly two months to prepare its report on the next step in economic reforms, but nothing consequential has emerged from it.
- **Conservatory (n)** (محافظت خانہ، موسیقی کی درس گاہ) 1. A glass-house for growing plants, 2. School of the fine arts (especially music or drama)
Antonyms: Wastrel
Being very fond of plants and greenery, he spends nearly three hours each day in the specially constructed conservatory adjacent to his room.
- **Consign (v)** (حوالے کرنا، ارسال کرنا، امانت رکھنا) 1. Deliver officially, Hand over, 2. Entrust something to someone
Synonyms: Relegate, Transfer
Antonyms: Keep, Receive, Retain
1. The goods have been consigned to you by a Lufthansa flight and should reach you by Friday.
2. After being implicated in a case of drug peddling, he was consigned to prison was six months.
- **Console (v)** (دل جوئی کرنا، دلاسا دینا) To give comfort in times of sadness
Synonyms: Condone, Gladden, Inspirit
Antonyms: Antagonise, Hurt, Sadden
I tried to console Liz on her break up with her boyfriend, but she seems to have gotten over it pretty fast.
- **Consolidate (v)** (الحاق کرنا، مضبوط یا مستحکم کرنا) Combine into one whole, Unify. Also, strengthen
Synonyms: Combine, Strengthen
Antonyms: Disintegrate, Crumble
Conventional business logic says that before a company can embark on a growth path, it should concentrate on consolidating its area of operations.
- **Consonance (n)** (نم آہنگی، مطابقت، ہم آہنگی) Agreement, Harmony
Synonyms: Harmony, Suitableness
Antonyms: Dissonance, Incongruity, Nonconformity
The father and son duo run their garments business in absolute consonance; there's hardly ever a disagreement between them.
- **Consort (v)** (ساتھ رہنا، رفیق ہونا، ہم نوائی کرنا) To spend time in the company of (usu. used in a derogatory sense)
Synonyms: Concomitant, Friend, Husband, Mate
Antonyms: Antagonist, Enemy, Foe

The actor is such a perfectionist that he has been consorting with drug addicts over the past few weeks to prepare himself for his next movie, in which he plays one of them.

- **Conspicuous** (*adj.*) (مُلاحِظ، نمایاں، جاذبِ نظر) Clearly visible, Striking to the eye, Remarkable
Synonyms: Prominent, Obvious
Antonyms: Banal, Commonplace
Her extraordinary height made her the most conspicuous person in the room.
- **Conspiracy** (*n*) (مُحرمانہ اتحاد، گھٹ جوڑ، سازش) Treacherous plot, Combination for unlawful purpose
Synonyms: Plot, Scheme
Antonyms: Caucus
He was aghast to read the file, which revealed that there was a conspiracy against him to keep him out of the committee.
- **Consternation** (*n*) (حیرانی، اضطراب، ہراس) Great surprise and anxiety or dismay
Synonyms: Anxiety, Panic
Antonyms: Composure, Happiness, Tranquillity
To his great consternation, his name did not figure in the list of participants even after he had deposited the requisite fee and submitted all the documents.
- **Constituent** (*n & adj.*) (مُشکُلِ مادے دہندہ، جزو ترکیب) Any of the parts that form a whole. Hence, being such a part
Synonyms: Component, Element, Ingredient
Antonyms: Whole
The basic constituents of this mixture are ethyl alcohol and mint oil; the other ingredients are present in very small quantities.
- **Constraint** (*n*) (پندش، دباؤ، قید) Anything that limits or restricts one's freedom of action
Synonyms: Check, Limitation
Antonyms: Freedom, Autonomy
Because of the severe financial constraints on the company, the management decided to impose cost-cutting measures for everyone concerned.
- **Construe** (*v*) (تفسیر، توضیح کرنا) To explain or interpret in a particular way
Synonyms: Decipher, Explicate, Expound
Antonyms: Misconstrue, Misread, Misinterpret
He construed her blank stare as boredom and stopped telling her about his new bike.
- **Consummate** (*Adj. & v*) (کامل، اختتام کو پہنچانا) Complete, Perfect, Accomplish
Synonyms: Terminate, Ultimate, Wrap Up
Antonyms: Incomplete, Unfinished, Worst
By winning the election from an area which is far away from his usual constituency, he has proved himself to be a consummate politician.

- **Contagion** (*n*) (مُتعدی مرض، چھوت) 1. Communication of disease from body to body, 2. Any harmful influence that spreads from person to person
Synonyms: Infection, Contamination
1. Thinking that the disease may be contagious, she decided not to attend her classes till she was cured.
- **Contaminate** (*v*) (تآکب کرنا، آلودہ کرنا، بگاڑنا) Pollute, Infect
Synonyms: Spoil, Adulterate
Antonyms: Purify, Disinfect
The residents of the colony have complained to the civic authorities about the contaminated water supply, because of which several children in the colony have been taken ill.
- **Contemplate** (*v*) (مُراقرع کرنا، ارادہ کرنا) Think deeply, Plan, Consider
Synonyms: Ruminare, Ponder
Antonyms: (Contemplated) Random
The government is contemplating levying an additional surcharge on income tax to contribute to a disaster management fund, a decision that is bound to raise a lot of objections.
- **Contemporaneous** (*adj.*) (مُعاصر، ہمِ وقت) Existing or happening during the same period of time
Synonyms: Simultaneous, Contemporary
Antonyms: Ancient, Old
The two authors are not contemporaneous, but their writing styles are so similar that it appears as if it is the same person writing under two different names.
- **Contemporary** (*adj.*) (ہمِ عصر، ہمِ کن) Belonging to the present time, Modern. Also, co-existent with someone
Synonyms: Current, Fashionable, Existing
Antonyms: Ancient, Old
The Holy Quran presents a message that is very relevant in the contemporary world.
- **Contempt** (*n*) (توقیر، سبکی) Utter lack of respect, Feeling that something or someone is completely worthless or unimportant
Synonyms: Disdain, Disrespect, Condescension
Antonyms: Esteem, Respect
Her rude and authoritative nature was visible even as she was a child – she used to treat her governess and other maid servants with utter contempt and disregard.
- **Contend** (*v*) (مُجددِ جہد کرنا، مقابلہ کرنا) 1. To struggle or compete against difficulties, 2. To claim or state strongly
Synonyms: Compete, Vie, Argue
Antonyms: Agree, Submit
1. As if driving on the hills by night was not enough, the driver had to contend against heavy rains and stormy conditions.
2. The lawyer strongly contended that his client had never even known the black mailer, let alone have a deal with him.

- **Contentious** (*adj.*) (جھڑاؤ، جدال پسند) Quarrelsome, likely to cause contention
Synonyms: Belligerent, Pugnacious, Bellicose
Antonyms: Harmonious, Melodious, Pleasant
By making such a thoughtless statement to the press, the governor has unnecessarily converted a rather tame issue into a contentious one.
- **Contiguous** (*adj.*) (ملک، پڑا ہوا) Touching or adjoining
Synonyms: Adjacent, Annexed
Antonyms: Remote, Isolated
Our school building was contiguous to the cinema theatre, so there were several cases of high school students absconding from classes to catch the latest Hollywood offering.
- **Contingent** (*adj.*) (شرط، ناگہانی، اتفاقی) Dependent on, Conditional, Accidental
Success of the Indian cricket team in its forthcoming series against Australia is almost totally contingent on the effectiveness of its bowlers — unless they perform well, there's no way India can win.
- **Contingent** (*n*) (شرطدار، صاف، وفد) Group that makes up part of a gathering
The results of confession were not contingent, they were certain
- **Contort** (*v*) (مروڑنا، بل دے کر شکل بگاڑنا) To twist or distort out of shape
Synonyms: Wring, Bend, Rack, Wrench
Antonyms: Beautify, Smooth
The way gymnasts can contort their bodies with such ease sometimes makes me wonder whether their skeletal structure is the same as that of a normal human being.
- **Contraband** (*adj.*) (غائب، چھپائی مال) Smuggled, illegal goods
Synonyms: Taboo, Unauthorised, Verboten
Antonyms: Lawful, Legal, Permitted
The police caught him red handed as he was trying to smuggle contraband currency into the country.
- **Contraption** (*n*) (عجیب نظر آنے والی مشین یا ساز و سامان) An awkward or old fashioned machine or device, esp. one that has not been of much use since long
Synonyms: Apparatus, Appliance, Contrivance
If I had any idea how to use this strange mechanical contraption, I wouldn't be asking you for help.
- **Contravene** (*v*) (خلاف ورزی کرنا، رکاوٹ ڈالنا) To act in opposition to, Contradict, Oppose
Synonyms: Disregard, Flout, Breach
Antonyms: Observe, Heed, Conform
The notice on the board clearly said that anyone found acting in contravention of the stated regulations will be debarred from membership of the club.
- **Contretemps** (*n*) (نامناسب واقعہ، شرمندہ کن واقعہ) Unfortunate or embarrassing occurrence
Synonyms: Embarrassment, Misadventure
Antonyms: Fortune, Good Luck, Prosperity

- I had a slight contretemps with my neighbour over the height of our fence, but we're now back to friendly terms.
- **Contrite** (*adj.*) (غامت آئیں، شرمندہ) Deeply and humbly sorry for one's wrong doing, Extremely repentant
Synonyms: Penitent, Remorseful Repentant
Antonyms: Unrepentant, Impenitent Unabashed
I had thought he would feel some guilt at having spoken so rudely with her, but rather than being contrite, he was behaving as if he had been aggrieved.
- **Contrived** (*adj.*) (مصنوعی، بنا دلی) Forced, Artificial, Not spontaneous
Synonyms: Engineer, Fabricate, Manipulated
Antonyms: Waste, Wreck
Even though he speaks with an accent, there's nothing contrived about his behaviour — I can vouch for his genuineness.
- **Contumacious** (*adj.*) (سرکش، ضدی) Exceedingly stubborn
Synonyms: Recalcitrant, Estranged, Seditious,
Antonyms: Obedient, Subordinate, Tractable
The stable-hand complained that for the last few days, the horse was being unreasonably contumacious — it refused to eat anything and also not let anyone ride it.
- **Contumely** (*n*) (بیہودگی، توہین آمیز زبان) Abusive/offensive language or behaviour
Synonyms: Contempt, Disdain, Humiliation
Antonyms: Compliment, Flattery
I had always thought him to be a gentle and good-natured soul, so was rather taken aback by his contumely, which I think was totally uncalled for.
- **Contusion** (*n*) (اندرونی چوٹ، گم چوٹ) Bruise, Injure by blow without breaking skin
Synonyms: Bruise, Discolouration
My motorcycle skidded into a ditch on the highway, and I suffered a large contusion on my right shoulder.
- **Conundrum** (*n*) (معموزہ، متضرت) Riddle, Any confusing situation
Synonyms: Enigma, Mystery
Antonyms: Known, Understanding
The interpretation of dreams remains a conundrum for psychoanalysts — despite all the research that has gone into it, there's no acceptable model which can explain the phenomenon of dreams.
- **Convene** (*v*) (اجلاس کرنا، اکٹھا کرنا) To assemble for a meeting. Also, to call for such an assembly
Synonyms: Summon, Arrange
Antonyms: Adjourn, Defer
The meeting has apparently been convened to declare the best performers for the year, but I suspect that the principal intends to make other important announcements.

- **Convention** (n) (مجلس، رسم و رواج) 1. Formal assembly, 2. Social or moral custom. Established practice
Synonyms: Meeting, Conference, Gathering
Antonyms: Strangeness
 1. The International Astronomers' convention will be held at the planetarium on Saturday, 24 February.
 2. As a matter of convention, you are supposed to wear formal dark coloured clothing at a funeral.
- **Converge** (v) (مائل ہونا، جمع ہونا) Approach, Tend to meet, Come together
Synonyms: Congregate, Meet
Antonyms: Diverge, Swerve
The two streams of water approach each other from different directions, and finally converge near this town to form this river.
- **Conversant** (adj.) (واقف کار، آشنا) Well acquainted
Synonyms: Familiar, Au fait
Antonyms: Naive, Adolescent
I am not really conversant with the rules and regulations of this club, so I'm depending on you to explain them to me.
- **Converse** (adj.) (مقابل، متضاد) Opposite, Contrary
Synonyms: Antithetical, Contradictory
Antonyms: Equal, Same, Similar
Even though he tried to convince us that his is a not-for-profit organization, the impression we got was just the converse.
- **Convert** (n) (تغیر، نو مسلم) Person converted to religious faith or life
Synonyms: Alter, Translate, Transfer
Antonyms: Endure, Hold, Persist
Javed asked me to convert the figures into a practical plan.
- **Convex** (adj.) (کروڑی، باہر والی) Curving outward
Synonyms: Rounded Bowed
Antonyms: Concave, Dipped
The normal magnifying glass is just a convex lens which makes an object looks larger than its actual size if viewed from a close distance.
- **Conviction** (n) (اثبات جرم، مضبوط عقیدہ) 1. Proving or finding guilty, 2. A strong belief
Synonyms: Certitude, Fervour, Reliance
Antonyms: Amnesty, Pardon
 1. He has a long record of previous convictions for stealing on impulse; the first time he did it was when he was just fourteen.
 2. He said it with so much conviction that there's no way I can doubt his sincerity.
- **Convivial** (adj.) (مست، خوش طبع) Festive, Giving a pleasant feeling of joy
Synonyms: Hospitable, Welcoming, Gregarious
Antonyms: Hostile, Ascetic

- The convivial atmosphere at the party was briefly disrupted when Vivian and Leigh had a small dispute, but they soon made up and the party continued with the same enthusiasm and vigour.
- **Convolved** (adj.) (پٹا پٹا ہوا، لکڑا ہوا) Coiled, Twisted
Synonyms: Complicated, Tortuous, Complex
Antonyms: Effortless, Uncomplicated
Instead of the straight route that I usually take for my office, my colleague took me through a much longer, convoluted route.
- **Copious** (adj.) (کثیر، زیادہ) Plentiful
Synonyms: Abundant, Profuse, Plethora
Antonyms: Scarcity, Paucity
This vocabulary building software makes copious use of sentences to make the students understand the meaning of difficult words.
- **Coquette** (n) (لہلہ، نرے باز، عشوہ گر) A woman who behaves flirtatiously
Synonyms: Seducer, Siren, Tease, Vamp
Antonyms: Dog, Eyesore
That flirtatious smile of hers is not meant just for you; she has a habit of behaving coquettishly towards all the members of the club.
- **Cordial** (adj.) (خوشگوار، گرم جوش) Gracious, Warm and friendly
Synonyms: Pleasant, Affable, Amiable
Antonyms: Obnoxious, Loathsome, Insufferable
The two families had perfectly cordial relations till about five years ago, but since then they have been involved in a property dispute which has made them bitter enemies.
- **Cordon** (n) (فصل کے کٹورے، پولیس کے سپاہیوں کا حلقہ) Projecting course of stone in wall, Chain of military posts, Continuous circle of persons
Synonyms: Enclave, Isolate, Picket
Antonyms: Open, Baggy
The assailant had almost managed to get past his cordon of security guards, when his cellular phone rang and gave him away.
- **Cornucopia** (n) (افراط، ہر چیز کی بہتات) Horn overflowing with fruit and grain, A symbol of abundance
Synonyms: Abundance, Profusion, Excess
Antonyms: Dearth, Scarcity, Paucity
Having laid out a cornucopia of almost every kind of dish that the guests could possibly want, the hostess was very pleased with herself.
- **Corollary** (n) (قدرتی یا نتیجہ) Something that naturally follows from something else
Synonyms: Consequence, Outcome, Effect
Antonyms: Root, Motivation
History has shown that violence is a natural corollary of a revolutionary change in the society.
- **Corporal** (adj.) (انسانی، جسمانی) Of the human body, Physical
Synonyms: Human, Material, Objective, Phenomenal
Antonyms: Immaterial, Intangible, Spiritual
Corporal punishment to students is strictly prohibited in Pakistan.

- **Corporeal (adj.)** (جسمانی) Tangible, of or for the human body
Synonyms: Material, Worldly
Antonyms: Immortal, Indangible
 His stint in the army had taught him to live with a minimum of corporeal needs – physical luxuries and comforts meant little to him.
- **Corpulent (adj.)** (چاق) Very fat
Synonyms: Rotund, Obese, Plump
Antonyms: Thin, Slim
 His corpulence had become a cause of embarrassment for him everywhere he went, he could hear little children looking at his huge belly with amazement.
- **Corroborate (v)** (تائید کرنا) To support or strengthen an idea or opinion
Synonyms: Substantiate, Uphold, Support
Antonyms: Controversy, Contradict, Negate
 The fourth witness for the prosecution strongly corroborated what the earlier witnesses had stated, and the jury was quite convinced that the accused was indeed guilty of the crime.
- **Corrode (v)** (خراش کرنا) Destroy by chemical action, Wear away.
Synonyms: Rust, Crumble
Antonyms: Catalyse
 The metal sheet that covered the garden had corroded because of the effects of rain and sunshine, and the garden was itself in a ruin.
- **Corrugated (adj.)** (چھریاں والا) Wrinkled, Formed of wavelike folds
Synonyms: Ridged, Grooved, Uneven
Antonyms: Smooth, Horizontal, Downy
 A corrugated sheet of asbestos will not only prove stronger in the long run, it will also help water to drain through its grooves more easily.
- **Cortege (n)** (جنازہ گشت) A group of attendants at a funeral. Also any procession.
Synonyms: Retinue, Caravan, Line
Antonyms: Leader, Manager
 An endless array of cars formed a part of the cortege at his funeral, in addition to the many people who were walking in silence.
- **Coruscate (v)** (چمکانا) To flash or glitter
Synonyms: Sparkle
 The atmosphere in the room was enlivened by her coruscating smile; there was hardly a man who was not attracted towards her that evening.
- **Cosmic (adj.)** (کائناتی) Pertaining to the universe. Also, extremely large
Synonyms: Extraterrestrial, Celestial, Enormous
Antonyms: Bounded, Limited
 Some people believe that what happens in their lives is influenced by great cosmic forces, over which they have no control.
- **Cosmopolitan (adj.)** (کائناتی) 1. Consisting of people from various parts of the world, 2. Broad-minded, showing wide experience of different people and places.

- Synonyms:** Mixed, Multinational, Multibethnic
Antonyms: Ascetic, Redomistic
- 1. Karachi is a cosmopolitan city where people from all parts of Pakistan have settled to earn a living.
- 2. Though she came from a small town, her cosmopolitan attitude helped her adjust to living in the huge city.
- **Coterie (n)** (گروہ) Set of persons associated by exclusive, shared interests
Synonyms: Faction, Posse, Party
Antonyms: Individual, Visitor, Guest
 The President has himself inducted Sarah into the exclusive coterie of Senators who are supposed to be the eyes and ears of the President.
- **Coterminous (adj.)** (مجاہد) Having a common boundary
Synonyms: Abutting, Adjacent, Contiguous
Antonyms: Detached, Divided, Separate
 US and Canada are coterminous countries, and many immigrants have used this to their advantage by illegally crossing the border to the US.
- **Countenance (n)** (چہرہ) Expression of the face
Synonyms: Demeanour, Expression, Composure
Antonyms: Admonition, Disapproval
 I could see from her dismayed countenance that she was quite upset about not accompanying his husband on the tour.
- **Countenance (v)** (پالنا) To give sanction or approval to
Synonyms: Expression, Tolerate, Approve
Antonyms: Disapproval, Condemnation, Dissatisfaction
 The Speaker of the Parliament has given a stern warning to all the members that he will no longer countenance such absenteeism from Parliamentary proceedings.
- **Countermand (v)** (منسوخ کرنا) Cancel, Revoke
Synonyms: Refract, Annul, Reverse
Antonyms: Endorse, Permit
 A section of the voters complained about gross irregularities in the conduct of the elections, so the election commission decided to countermand the elections in the state.
- **Countervailing (adj.)** (مقابلہ کرنے والا) Acting with an opposite effect
Synonyms: Contravene, Invalidate, Negate
Antonyms: Approve, Assist, Support
 It was for the first time that someone had tried to take countervailing action against the dictatorial impositions of the committee secretary.
- **Coup (n)** (انقلاب) Violent or illegal change in government, Highly successful action or sudden attack
Synonyms: Coup d'état, Takeover, Revolution
Antonyms: Failure, Frustration, Nullification
 In what is being seen as a diplomatic coup, the finance ministers of the two countries have agreed to sign on an agreement involving the sale of armaments.

- **Coup D'état** (n) (سیاسی تہذیب) (حکومت میں اپنا تک (فوتی) A political coup leading to a sudden overthrow of a government by force and violence
Synonyms: Coup, Blow, Stroke
Antonyms: Respite, Treaty
The coup d'état took the monarch totally by surprise, as his own guards suddenly aimed their guns at him and the army general took charge of the kingdom.
- **Couple** (v) (جوڑنا، ملنا، مربوط کرنا) Fasten, Link, Join, Unite
Synonyms: Combine, Pair, Duo
Antonyms: Disjoin, Divide, Se
High inflation coupled with poor industrial growth has severely hurt the economy in the last two quarters.
- **Courtly** (adj.) (شائستہ اور مہذب) Dignified and polite
Synonyms: Chivalrous, Courteous, Civil
Antonyms: Rude, Discourteous, Offensive
Her courtly manners and pleasant way of speaking soon made her a very popular figure in the classroom.
- **Couture** (n) (اعلیٰ معیار کے فیشن ایبل لباسات ڈیزائن کرنا) Designing high quality fashionable clothes
Synonyms: Dressmaking, Tailoring, Fashion Design
In 1960, Pierre Cardin became the first couturier to design men's clothes; before that, all designers concentrated on women's clothing.
- **Covenant** (n & v) (اقرار نامہ، معاہدہ) Formal agreement between two or more people or groups
Synonyms: Pact, Contract, Treaty
Antonyms: Disagreement, Incongruity
Though the landlord said that a formal agreement was not required, I insisted that we sign a written covenant.
- **Covert** (adj.) (خفیہ، پوشیدہ) Secret, Hidden, Not openly shown or admitted
Synonyms: Secret, Clandestine, Copse
Antonyms: Overt, Open
He was assigned to a unit in the army that specialized in covert military operations, and such was the secrecy surrounding his work that even his wife was not aware of where he was posted.
- **Covetous** (adj.) (لاچکی، حرص) Too eager for wealth or property or someone else's possessions
Synonyms: Materialistic, Envious, Desirous
Antonyms: Generous, Contented
The poor farmer's little children looked covetously at the beautiful toys and other goodies on display at the village fair.
- **Cow** (v) (دبانہ، مرعوب کرنا) To control by threat or violence
Synonyms: Intimidate, Frighten, Bully
Antonyms: Soothe, Appease, Quieten
Fear of unemployment has cowed the workers into unconditional acceptance of the company's plans.

- **Cower** (v) (خوف سے دیکنا یا ہٹک جانا) To bend low and move back because of fear
Synonyms: Cringe, Flinch, Recoil
Antonyms: Elongate, Come Forward
At the sight of the ferocious dog, the cat cowered and ran for cover.
- **Coy** (adj.) (شرمیلہ) (Pretending to be) shy or embarrassed
Synonyms: Bashful, Reserved, Demure
Antonyms: Bold, Brazen
When asked about her ambitions in life, the shy teenager coyly answered that she wished to be a film actress.
- **Crabbed** (adj.) (بدخط، پیچیدہ، سخت لکھی) Cramped or irregular handwriting that is difficult to read
Synonyms: Acrid, Captious, Churlish
Antonyms: Legible, Decipherable, Comprehensible
The letter was written in a crabbed handwriting making it very difficult for any of us to read.
- **Crass** (adj.) (کمزور، احمق، کٹر) Very unrefined, Grossly insensible
Synonyms: Ridiculous, Obtuse, Inane
Antonyms: Refined, Sophisticated, Distinguished
Though he was sincerely apologetic for his crass behaviour at the party, she was not willing to forgive him saying that it was not the first time he had talked so rudely to her.
- **Cravat** (n) (گلابند، کٹائی) A man's scarf, often worn in the open neck of a shirt in place of a necktie
He came dressed in a stylish cravat, instead of his usual sedate tie, and was looking handsome in a matching suit.
- **Craven** (adj. & n) (ڈرپوک، بزدل) Extremely cowardly
Synonyms: Pusillanimous, Timid
Antonyms: Brave, Intrepid
The little pup of mine is such a craven that he runs to hide under the bed as soon as he hears an unfamiliar voice in the house!
- **Crèche** (n) (دارالاطفال، بچوں کی دیکھ بھال گاہ) A place where infants and children are cared for while their parents work
Synonyms: Playschool, Nursery, Playgroup
Most working parents have no option but to leave their infants in a crèche while they go out to work.
- **Credence** (n) (یقین، اعتبار) Belief, Acceptance as true
Synonyms: Confidence, Authority, Credibility
Antonyms: Distrust, Faithlessness
Saying that he could not give credence to my verbal complaint, the magistrate asked me to officially register the complaint on a signed letter-head.
- **Credibility** (n) (معتبریت، ساکھ) The quality of deserving belief and trust
Synonyms: Confidence, Authority
Antonyms: Distrust, Faithlessness

Ever since we came to know about his achievements in the difficult markets of eastern Africa, his credibility among the company workers has increased tremendously.

- **Credo/Creed (n)** (مسک، مذہب، عقیدہ) A formal statement of beliefs
Synonyms: Faith, Doctrine, Dogma
Antonyms: Disbelief, Non-Belief
The chairman insisted that each and every employee in the company should treat customer satisfaction as the most important credo of the company.
- **Credulous (adj.)** (غوش اعتقاد) Apt to believe anything without question
Synonyms: Naïve, Gullible, Uncritical
Antonyms: Shrewd, Astute, Perceptive
He was so credulous that he believed each and every word of what the impostor said, and had almost told him his bank account details when I reached the scene.
- **Crescendo (n)** (سردن کا پڑھنا یا شدت اختیار کرنا) Increase in the volume or intensity in a musical passage, Climax
Synonyms: Upsurge, Climax, Loudening
Antonyms: Diminuendo, Bottom, Nadir
In the last few weeks, criticism against the Women's Bill has reached a crescendo and only a formal statement by the Prime Minister can help to curb it.
- **Crestfallen (adj.)** (خوہلہ ہوا، افسردہ) Dejected, Having lost one's self-confidence
Synonyms: Dispirited, Disconsolate, Deflated
Antonyms: Elated, Ecstatic, Jubilant
Reaching my apartment, I was crestfallen to find that the closet in which I keep all my belongings had been ransacked.
- **Cretin (n)** (فترال عقل) Mentally underdeveloped person
Synonyms: Imbecile, Idiot, Moron
Antonyms: Wise, Intelligent, Clever
Looking at the exceedingly senseless behaviour of my classmates, I felt at times that I belonged to a class of cretins.
- **Crevasse (n)** (گلیشیر میں پڑنے والی دراڑ یا شکاف) A deep, open crack, esp. in thick ice
Synonyms: Ravine, Gorge
Tragedy struck the Himalayan expedition on the sixth day, when one of the members slipped and fell into a crevasse.
- **Crevice (n)** (درز، شکاف، البصوم چٹان میں) A narrow crack or opening, esp. in rock
Synonyms: Interstice, Opening, Precipice
Antonyms: Closure, Solid
With remarkable speed, the snake slithered into a small crevice between the rocks.
- **Cringe (v)** (دکنا، غلامانہ ذہنیت کا باعث) 1. To bend in fear, 2. To behave without self-respect in front of someone in a superior politician
Synonyms: Cower, Truckle, Wince
Antonyms: Come Forward, Advance, Compete

1. The little dog knows that its owner is angry with it and cringes in fear in a corner.
 2. The photograph which showed him cringing in front of the powerful politician was splashed in the newspapers, much to his embarrassment.
- **Criterion (n)** (معیار، کوٹی) Principle, Standard that a thing is judged by
Synonyms: Measure, Condition, Norm
Antonyms: Conjecture, Fancy, Guess
The main criterion for evaluating the performance of a car is the capacity of its engine.
 - **Croesus (n)** (بہت امیر آدمی) A very rich person
Synonyms: Have, Rich Person, Wealthy Person
Antonyms: Poor, Destitute
With the enormous amount of wealth that he has acquired through his trading operations, the magazine has rightly described him as a croesus.
 - **Crotchety (adj.)** (کن سوچی، مزاج، انوکھا) Bad tempered
Synonyms: Grumpy, Cantankerous, Irritable
Antonyms: Reasonable, Realistic, Pleasant
No one likes to sit next to the crotchety student.
 - **Crusty (adj.)** (اکڑ مزاج، بد مزاج) Having a harsh, rough exterior or a curt, rough manner
Synonyms: Brittle, Grumpy, Crispy
Antonyms: Soft, Spongy, Pliable
The journalist was rather disappointed at the crusty attitude of the socialite; he had expected to get an exciting interview with her but she answered all his questions in monosyllables.
 - **Crux (n)** (نہادی نکتہ) Crucial point
Synonyms: Bottom-line, Core, The Nitty-Gritty
Antonyms: Trivia
The panel of economists have unanimously concluded that the crux of the problem for Pakistan is its vast population, because of which the country's resources are always under constraint.
 - **Cryptic (adj.)** (ہراسرار، مخفی) Mysterious, Hidden, Secret
Synonyms: Enigmatic, Obscure, Puzzling
Antonyms: Candid
I could not figure out anything from the cryptic responses she gave to my questions.
 - **Cubicle (n)** (یک بستی خواب گاہ، چھوٹی جگہ یا کمرہ) Small chamber in an office etc.
Synonyms: Compartment, Booth, Workspace
All the employees in the company are assigned to an independent cubicle, equipped with a computer and a telephone.
 - **Cuisine (n)** (کھانا پکانے کا طریقہ) Style of cooking
Synonyms: Cookery, Gastronomy
I could never adjust my taste buds to French cuisine, though I believe that some of the dishes are considered absolute delicacies.

- **Cul-de-sac** (n) (بندگی) A blind alley, a passage or place with only one outlet
Situating at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac, steps lead up to a private terrace with barbecue. The society has accused the periodical of spreading a malicious canard against it, and has threatened legal action if the periodical did not retract its words.
- **Culinary** (adj) (پختہ کرنے کا) Relating to cooking
Synonyms: Cookery, Gastronomy
Though I cannot boast about my culinary skills, I can definitely cook a decent meal for both of us.
- **Cull** (v) (چننا، چننا) To choose or collect from a larger pool
Synonyms: Glean, Garner, Assemble
Antonyms: Disintegrate, Crumble, Collapse
He managed to cull all the information he needed from the Internet, and put together a report in just three hours.
- **Culminate** (v) (بلند ترین مقام تک پہنچنا) Attain the highest point, Climax, End
Synonyms: Expire, Conclude, Close
Antonyms: Commence, Open, Start
My arguments with my boss worsened with each passing day, and it all culminated in my being fired from the job.
- **Culpable** (adj) (قابلِ مذمت، قابلِ گرفت) Deserving blame for a wrongdoing
Synonyms: Guilty, Blameworthy, Responsible
Antonyms: Innocent, Blameless, Guiltless
Holding the CEO of the company culpable for all that had happened, the judge ruled that the ultimate responsibility for all the operations of the company rested with him.
- **Culvert** (n) (زیر زمین دھنچل) Artificial channel for water
Synonyms: Ditch, Furrow, Drain
Antonyms: Sea, River
The civic authorities have planned a comprehensive system of underground culverts in the city so as to improve its drainage system.
- **Cumbersome** (adj) (بھاری، بوجھل، بھاری) Heavy, Clumsy, Unwieldy
Synonyms: Burdensome, Unwieldy, Burdensome
Antonyms: Manageable, Convenient, Controllable
The task appeared quite cumbersome to begin with, but once we got down to doing it. It was completed with relative ease.
- **Cumulative** (adj) (تفریق سے بڑھنا) Growing by addition
Synonyms: Increasing, Growing
Antonyms: Decreasing, Subtracting
The cumulative effect of using all these pesticides and fertilizers could be disastrous for the soil.
- **Cunctation** (n) (تأخر) Delay
Synonyms: Procrastinate, Adjourn, Postpone
Antonyms: Persist, Carry on, Prolong

- The winning team in the football match tried a lot of cunctative tactics towards the end of the game as it was leading by a solitary goal, but the rival team managed to score the equalizing goal.
- **Cupidity** (n) (لاچ، حرص) Greed of gain
Synonyms: Covetousness, Avarice
Antonyms: Altruism, Generosity
Her cupidity for diamond jewellery knew no bounds; she had over 100 diamond pendants and necklaces of various shapes and sizes, and was ready to buy more.
- **Curator** (n) (حفاظت، نگہبان) Person in charge, Manager, Keeper
Synonyms: Custodian, Steward, Supervisor
Antonyms: Employee, Worker
The curator of this museum is a kindly old man who has held his position for nearly thirty years now, and can tell you in detail about each and every exhibit in the museum.
- **Curmudgeon** (n) (بد مزاج، تند خو) An ill-tempered, irritable person; esp., an elderly such man
Synonyms: Codger, Grump, Kicker, Malcontent
Antonyms: Contented, Comfortable, Relaxed
The complaining old curmudgeon kept on pestering the shopkeeper for nearly fifteen minutes, when the shopkeeper finally lost his patience.
- **Cursory** (adj) (سرسری نظر) Casual, Hastily done
Synonyms: Superficial, Perfunctory, Hasty
Antonyms: Detailed, Thorough
A cursory examination of this report will not help you much, you need to read through it in detail.
- **Curtail** (v) (مختصر کرنا، کاٹنا) Shorten, Deprive of
Synonyms: Restrict, Curb
Antonyms: Lengthen, Elongate
My father has decided to slowly curtail his business operations, as he knows that neither my brother nor I am interested in doing the business.
- **Curtsey** (n) (خواتین کی کورٹس) Feminine salutation made by bending knees and lowering body
Synonyms: Gesture, Obeisance
Antonyms: Disregard, Disrespect
Before being taken to the royal palace for an official visit, the school children were taught how to properly curtsy to the Queen.
- **Cygnets** (n) (جوان ہنس) A young swan
The beautiful cygnets ruffled its white feathers in the water....in a few weeks she would turn into a graceful swan.
- **Cynic** (n) (بدگمان، شک مزاج) A person who distrusts human motives and intentions at all times
Synonyms: Pessimist, Sceptic, Misanthropist
Antonyms: Philanthropist, Patron

A series of bitter experiences with those whom he thought were his friends had turned him into a hard-boiled cynic; he was not ready to trust any individual.

- **Cynosure** (n) (مرکز توجہ، ہدف شام) The object of general attention, Centre of attraction or admiration

Synonyms: Notable, Personage

Antonyms: Nobody

At the party thrown by the industrial to celebrate his twenty-fifth anniversary, his exquisitely beautiful youngest daughter proved to be the cynosure of all eyes.

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST

SYNONYMS

1. **Corporal**
(a) Tortuous (b) Courteous
(c) Phenomenal (d) None of these
2. **Clamour**
(a) Discord (b) Ancient
(c) Disrespect (d) None of these
3. **Chaperon**
(a) Contemporary (b) Escort
(c) Impartiality (d) None of these
4. **Chide**
(a) Strangeness (b) Ancient
(c) Realistic (d) None of these
5. **Cad**
(a) Scoundrel (b) Gentleman
(c) Blubber (d) None of these
6. **Coruscate**
(a) Sparkle (b) Adjourn
(c) Carry on (d) None of these
7. **Corporeal**
(a) Worldly (b) Obedient
(c) Leader (d) None of these
8. **Caption**
(a) Submit (b) Slogan
(c) Prime (d) None of these
9. **Ceremonious**
(a) Punctilious (b) Dubiousness
(c) Reservoir (d) None of these
10. **Commodious**
(a) Contemporary (b) Disproportionate
(c) Roomy (d) None of these

ANTONYMS

11. **Crusty**
(a) Spongy (b) Brittle
(c) Abstinence (d) None of these
12. **Cacophonous**
(a) Contemporary (b) Dissonant
(c) Mellifluous (d) None of these
13. **Chaotic**
(a) Methodical (b) Muddled
(c) Campaigner (d) None of these
14. **Clairvoyance**
(a) Thoughtlessness (b) Perspicacity
(c) Penetration (d) None of these
15. **Canard**
(a) Falsehood (b) Genuineness
(c) Rumour (d) None of these
16. **Coup d'état**
(a) Coup (b) Respite
(c) Retinue (d) None of these
17. **Canter**
(a) Gallop (b) Trot
(c) Saunter (d) None of these
18. **Catastrophe**
(a) Tranquillity (b) Calamity
(c) Taunt (d) None of these
19. **Clout**
(a) Subjugation (b) Authority
(c) Seclude (d) None of these
20. **Communion**
(a) Intercommunication (b) Chitchat
(c) Antagonism (d) None of these

ANSWERS

1.	c	2.	a	3.	b	4.	d	5.	a
6.	a	7.	a	8.	b	9.	a	10.	c
11.	a	12.	c	13.	a	14.	a	15.	b
16.	b	17.	c	18.	a	19.	a	20.	c

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- **Dabble** (v) (گیلا کرنا، کوئی کام سطحی طور پر کرنا) 1. Splash, Wet (oneself) 2. Work in a non-serious manner
Synonyms: Experiment, Dip Into
Antonyms: Labour, Toil, Work
1. The little girls playfully dabbled their feet in the fast flowing river.
2. He dabbled in fashion designing for a while, then deciding that he did not have the flair for it, took to pursuing interior decoration.
- **Daft** (adj.) (احمق، جنونی) Silly, foolish
Synonyms: Nutty, Whacko, Witless
Antonyms: Bright, Intelligent, Smart
It was a rather daft of him to drive at such high speed in wet weather; his stupidity could have cost him his life.
- **Dainty** (adj.) (لذیذ، نفاست پسند) 1. Pretty and delicate, 2. Difficult to please
Synonyms: 2. Fastidious, Refined, Scrupulous
Antonyms: Compliant, Straightforward
1. The dainty little girl had been brought up in such a protected environment that even at the age of 14, she found it difficult to cross the road by herself.
2. As a child, I used to be a very dainty eater; my mother used to spend long hours patiently trying to feed me and bearing with my fussy ways.
- **Dais** (n) (پہرہ) Low platform, esp. for high table
Synonyms: Bench, Podium, Rostrum
Even before the speaker could reach the dais to deliver his speech, a section of the crowd started shouting slogans against him.
- **Dally** (v) (فصل وقت ضائع کرنا) 1. To consider, but not very seriously, 2. Delay, Be slow or waste time
Synonyms: Loiter, Linger, Dawdle
Antonyms: Hurry, Haste
Don't dally over the question you cannot solve, just move on to the next question.
- **Dank** (adj.) (ناخوشگوار، مرطوب) Unpleasantly wet and cold
Synonyms: Moist, Clammy, Soggy
Antonyms: Dry, Parched
As we moved further down the cave, the atmosphere became cooler and more drank, suggesting that a source of water was not far away.
- **Dapper** (adj.) (خوش وضع، صاف سترا) Neat, Smart in appearance or movement
Synonyms: Elegant, Spruce, Natty
Antonyms: Scruffy, Dishevelled

Dressed up for his first interview, Jahangir looked trim and dapper in his new suit and his.

- **Dastardly** (adj.) (بزدلی سے) Cowardly and bullying
Synonyms: Cowardly, Devious, Mean
Antonyms: Heroic, Laudable
In the most dastardly act of cruelty, the terrorist group blindly fired on the wedding party, not sparing even the infants.
- **Daub** (n & v) (گھبرا کرنا، دھبے ڈالنا) 1. To cover with something soft and sticky, Smear 2. A small quantity of any soft and sticky substance like plaster, clay etc
Synonyms: Splatter, Cover, Smear
Antonyms: Reveal, Uncover, Unwrap
1. Not knowing how to paint, he merely daubed the wall with paint; as a result, it looked worse than it did before.
- **Daunt** (v) (ڈانٹنا، حوصلہ شکنی کرنا) To discourage, intimidate or frighten
Synonyms: Deter, Terrorise, Scare
Antonyms: Encourage, Promote
Though he has appeared twice for the GRE, getting a low score both the times, he is not daunted and is preparing to take the exam for the third time.
- **Dauntless** (adj.) (بے باق، نڈر) Persevering, Bold
Synonyms: Intrepid, Resolute, Confident
Antonyms: Timid, Timorous
Exhausted in the battle which had now continued for over three months, the valiant soldiers went on fighting dauntlessly till the two nations decided to call a truce.
- **Dawdle** (n & v) (فصل باتوں میں وقت ضائع کرنا) To waste time in doing nothing, Act of dawdling; A dawdling person
Synonyms: Idle, Loiter, Linger
Antonyms: Hasten, Hotfoot, Hie
The office was closed and I had nothing to do, so I lazily dawdled in front of the television all morning.
- **De jure** (adj. & adv) (اُردو سے قانون، از روئے حق) By right, legal Rightfully
Synonyms: Legitimate, Legally, Lawfully
Antonyms: De facto, Unlawful
During the political turmoil in the country after the coup, the army general called the shots and ran the government, but the Prime Minister remained the de jure head of state.
- **Deadlock** (n & v) (تھپڑ) A situation in which agreement in an argument cannot be reached because neither side will change its demands or accept any of the demands of the other side.
Synonyms: Impasse, Stalemate, Standstill
Antonyms: Improvement, Agreement, Breakthrough
The negotiations between the disputing parties reached a deadlock when neither was willing to budge from their respective stands.

- **Deadpan** (n) (سردقہ) Expressionless (face)
Synonyms: Pokerfaced, Unsmiling, Blank
Antonyms: Comical, Expressive
 He had the remarkable ability to narrate the funniest of incidents with the most deadpan expression on his face.
- **Dearth** (n) (قت ناہی) Scanty supply of something
Synonyms: Scarcity, Paucity
Antonyms: Superfluity, Plethora
 Though there was no dearth of milk in his house, he refused to give the crying child even a drop of it.
- **Debate** (n) (جھگڑ، جھگڑ، جھگڑ) 1. Sudden downfall, Rout, Stampede. 2. Break up of ice in river; Sudden rush of water
Synonyms: Fiasco, Devastation
Antonyms: Preservation, Safeguarding
 1. As if the 5-0 debate that our school hockey team suffered in the match against the other team was not humiliating enough, they were subjected to another defeat by an unknown team in the next match they played.
- **Debase** (v) (سزلت یا حیثیت میں گمانا) Reduce in quality or value; Lower in quality
Synonyms: Demean, Degrade, Dishonour
Antonyms: Uplift, Fortify, Strengthen
 Even as the remixed versions of old songs are becoming increasingly popular among the youth today, the older generation considers them to be a debasement of good music of the yesteryears.
- **Debauched** (adj.) (معاشرے میں گمانا) Morally and physically ruined because of over indulgence in alcohol, sex, drugs, etc.
Synonyms: Wicked, Depraved, Unscrupulous
Antonyms: Improved, Purified, Upgraded
 While the elder son of the family had left all worldly possessions for spiritual enlightenment, the younger son had fallen into bad company and had been debauched beyond repair.
- **Debilitate** (v) (کمزور کرنا، ضعیف بنانا توں کرنا) Enfeeble, to weaken
Synonyms: Incapacitate, Hamper, Encumber
Antonyms: Strengthen, Fortify
 She never really recovered from the shock of the death of her husband, and gradually debilitated into a poor shadow of her former robust self.
- **Debonair** (adj.) (خوش مزاج، خوش خلق) Friendly, Pleasant, Unembarrassed
Synonyms: Suave, Elegant, Courteous
Antonyms: Awkward, Discomfired
 All the nurses in the hospital wanted to be in the same shift as the debonair young doctor who had just joined the hospital, had charmed the ladies with his stylish ways and attractive looks.
- **Debris** (n) (سبوتا، سبوتا) Scattered fragments, Wreckage
Synonyms: Rubble, Wreckage, Rubbish
Antonyms: Cleanliness, Neatness, Purity

- In a tragic accident, six children were killed when they were buried under the debris of the school building.
- **Debunk** (v) (تلقی کو دلنا) To show that something is not as good as or not as true as it appears
Synonyms: Decode, Expose, Demystify, Deflate
Antonyms: Prove, Uphold
 In his article, the scientist has tried to debunk the widespread belief that the experiments in genetic cloning could lead to the creation of human life in a laboratory.
- **Debutante** (n) (نوجوان خاتون جو پہلی مرتبہ مجلس، معاشرے یا عوام میں ظہور پذیر ہو) Woman performer performing before public for first time
Synonyms: Young Girl, Lass
Antonyms: Lad, Debutant
 For a debutante, her dance performance was amazingly graceful; it was difficult to believe that it was the first time, she was performing for an audience.
- **Decadence** (n) (زوال، انحطاط) A process or period of falling, decay, degeneration
Synonyms: Retrogression, Dissolution, Wastefulness
Antonyms: Parsimony, Frugality
 While the other states in the country are on the path to prosperity, this one particular state is moving in the opposite direction and is becoming decadent in all respects.
- **Decapitate** (v) (سر قلم کرنا) 1. Behead (esp. as legal punishment). 2. Dismiss abruptly from office
Synonyms: Guillotine, Execute, Decollate
Antonyms: Preserve, Protect, Save
 1. Since the bodies were found decapitated, the police found it very difficult to identify them.
- **Decelerate** (v) (رند کرنا، سست کرنا) Make slower
Synonyms: Brake, Slow, Lose Pace
Antonyms: Accelerate, Hasten
 The doctor said that his hectic pace of life was the main reason for the stress he was facing, and advised him to decelerate and take things easier.
- **Deciduous** (adj.) (پڑنے پھرنے والا) Falling off as of leaves
Synonyms: Shed leaves periodically or normally
 The park was lined by series of deciduous trees, and it being autumn, there were hardly any leaves on them.
- **Decimate** (v) (لوگوں کی بڑی تعداد کو ہلاک کرنا) To destroy or kill a large proportion of
Synonyms: Massacre, Slaughter, Carnage
Antonyms: Preserve, Revive, Save
 If this cholera epidemic is not contained within the next few days, it can decimate the entire population of all these adjoining villages.

- **Decipher** (v) (خط رمز میں لکھی ہوئی عبارت پڑھنا) Interpret secret code so as to understand it, Decode
Synonyms: Decode, Interpret, Crack
Antonyms: Codify, Summarize, Tabulate
They taught the children to blend letter sounds to decipher the words
- **Decomposition** (n) (تجزیہ کر کے پانے کا عمل) Decay
Synonyms: Rotting, Putrefaction
Antonyms: Fortification, Buttrissing
When the corpse was found by the police, decomposition had just begun to set in and the detective could establish the time of the murder.
- **Decorous** (adj.) (شائستہ، مہذب) Polite and well-behaved, proper and correct in a restrained or formal way
Synonyms: Correct, Demure, Respectable
Antonyms: Improper, Shocking, Inappropriate
He is a picture of decorousness and obedience in front of his parents, but otherwise, he is one of the most ill-mannered child, I've ever seen.
- **Decorum** (n) (سلوک، تہذیب، آداب، عکس) Polite and decent behaviour
Synonyms: Seemliness, Etiquette
Antonyms: Impoliteness, Indecency, Rudeness
The class teacher praised the students for maintaining decorum in the auditorium and requested them to behave in the same way at all occasions.
- **Decoy** (n & v) (بھڑبھڑا، گھانا) Something or someone used to trick or confuse others into doing something, Bait
Synonyms: Snare, Entice
Antonyms: Liberate, Release
The gang of thieves used an innocent looking young girl as a decoy to gain entry into their victims' households.
- **Decrepit** (adj.) (ضعیف، شکستہ، خست) Worn out by age, Enfeebled with age, Wasted
Synonyms: Feeble, Dilapidated
Antonyms: Youthful, Vigorous
I found the former football coach in a rather decrepit condition, living all by himself in a small house and wearing shabby clothes.
- **Decry** (v) (نہایت کرنا، نکم کرنا) Express strong disapproval of, Disparage
Synonyms: Belittle, Deprecate, Criticise
Antonyms: Condone, Pardon
The critics has severely decryed the depiction of vulgarity in the stage dances.
- **Deducible** (adj.) (جس سے نتیجہ اخذ کیا جاسکے) Derived by reasoning
Synonyms: Attestable, Axiomatic, Certain
Antonyms: Obscure, Unverifiable, Vague
From the facts you've given to me, it is not deducible whether this investment is worthwhile; I will need more information.
- **Deface** (v) (صورت بگاڑنا) To mar, disfigure or spoil something
Synonyms: Disfigure, Mutilate, Vandalise
Antonyms: Decorate, Embellish, Mend
Haroon was fined Rs.20,000 for defacing the library books.

- **Defame** (v) (بدنام کرنا، بے عزت کرنا) Harm someone's reputation, or speak ill of
Synonyms: Denigrate, Libel, Vilify
Antonyms: Commend, Compliment, Exalt
A group of fundamentalists has charged that the book defamed their religion and have hence sought a ban on it.
- **Default** (n & v) (عدم تعمیل، نادرستی) 1. Fail to act or appear. 2. That which exists or happens on its own, if not intentionally changed
Synonyms: Evade, Fail, Non-payment
Antonyms: Payment, Perfection, Satisfaction
1. If you default on returning the payment on time, you are liable to pay a fine.
2. The computer programme takes ABC as a default name for a user, so you will need to change it, if you want your name to appear.
- **Defeatist** (n) (شکست خوردہ) Pessimist, Person who expects to lose or fail and therefore does not really try
Synonyms: Pessimistic, Fatalistic, Despondent
Antonyms: Optimistic, Upbeat
This defeatist attitude will get you nowhere; start believing in yourself and do not give up.
- **Defection** (n) (غدار، بے وفائی) Desertion, Falling away from allegiance to party or duty
Synonyms: Apostasy, Backsliding, Dereliction
Antonyms: Joining, Fusion
In order to curb the unhealthy political practice of people frequently leaving one political party to join another, the government is planning to implement an anti-defection law.
- **Defer** (v) (موتوق کرنا، ملتوی کرنا) 1. Give in respectfully, Submit. 2. Put off, Delay till later, Exempt temporarily
Synonyms: Postpone, Reschedule, Adjourn
Antonyms: Maintain, Continue, Carry on
1. The board meeting has been deferred till next Tuesday as the chairman is not well.
- **Deference** (n) (پاس، لحاظ، ادب) Compliance with advice, Courteous regard for another's wish
Synonyms: Respect, Reverence, Obsequiousness
Antonyms: Contempt, Condescension, Disrespect
In deference to custom, they had to take off their shoes before entering the mosque.
- **Defiance** (n) (نہم بردی، سرکشی) Refusal to yield, Open disobedience, Resistance
Synonyms: Disobedience, Insubordination, Cheekiness
Antonyms: Compliance, Acquiescence, Observance
Though the underarm bowling action was not in defiance to any rule in the Book of Cricket Laws, it was so unusual that no one had thought that it would actually be used by a player in an official cricket match.

- **Defile (v)** (میلانا، کھانا گنہگار کرنا) Pollute, Spoil the beauty of something
Synonyms: Befoul, Desecrate, Besmirch
Antonyms: Purify, Disinfect
 A number of concrete structures had sprung up on the hills, defiling the beautiful landscape and the greenery.
- **Definitive (adj.)** (مکمل، قطعی) Final, Complete
Synonyms: Decisive, Unconditional
Antonyms: Interim, Temporary, Unreliable
 Though I do not have a definitive solution to your problem, I think you can go through this document as it provides a temporary means of support.
- **Deflect (v)** (منکسر کرنا، ٹکرا کر واپس ہونا) Bend aside, Turn aside
Synonyms: Deviate, Redirect
Antonyms: Attract, Draw
 The little girl very cleverly deflected my question about the occupation of her father, asking me instead about the gadget in my hand.
- **Defoliate (v)** (کٹل از وقت پتے چھڑا دینا) To remove leaves, usu. by action of chemicals etc.
 Fearing that the disease that had struck a part of his crop might spread to the entire field, the farmer decided to defoliate a large part of his crop.
- **Defray (v)** (حساب چکانا، ادا کرنا) Pay the costs or expenses
Synonyms: Discharge, Finance, Settle
Antonyms: Hold, Retain, Save
 The company agreed to defray all the expenses that I had incurred on the project, including the air fare.
- **Deft (adj.)** (نہر، مشاق) Neat, Skilful
Synonyms: Dexterous, Adroit, Nimble
Antonyms: Naïve, Untidy, Immature
 Under the deft management of Shahid Khan, our company has registered a growth in sales of over 30%, more than double the targeted 15%.
- **Defunct (adj.)** (مردہ، متوفی، معدوم) Dead, No longer in use or existence
Synonyms: Obsolete, Redundant, Useless
Antonyms: Up-to-date, Current
 Since we purchased this new washing machine which has a built in drier, our old machine has been lying defunct in the attic.
- **Degenerate (Adj. & n)** (اعطال پذیر، رو بہ خزل) 1. Become worse, Deteriorate. 2. Degenerate person or animal
Synonyms: Depreciate, Disintegrate, Relapse
Antonyms: Improve, Progress Develop
 What started off as a fine meaningful film inexplicably degenerated into a senseless pot boiler.
- **Degradation (n)** (خزل، اعطال) Debasing, Bringing into dishonour or contempt, Degeneration
Synonyms: Humiliation, Filth, Squalor
Antonyms: Exaltation, Adulation, Rapture

- With a sustained and concerted effort at planting trees and preserving forests, the government of this country has effectively managed to stem the environmental degradation of the last twenty years.
- **Dehydrate (v)** (ناب سے یا آب سے پانی اڑا دینا) Remove water from, Dry out, Lose water
Synonyms: Dry, Arid
Antonyms: Diluted, Watery
 After walking in the sun for nearly an hour, I was feeling quite dehydrated and was desperately looking for water to drink.
- **Deify (v)** (دیوی یا دیوتا کے مرتبے پر فائز کرنا) Turn into a god, Idolize, Regard as a god
Synonyms: Idolise, Exalt, Adore
Antonyms: Disparage, Belittle, Ridicule
 These young men deify financial success.
- **Deign (v)** (فردنی کرنا، عنایت کرنا) Condescend, Think fit, Stoop
Synonyms: Agree, Consent, Concur
Antonyms: Differ, Fluctuate, Diverge
 There's no way he could have deleted the files deliberately – I know he would not deign to such low levels.
- **Delectable (adj.)** (فرت بخش، مسرت بخش) Delightful, Delicious
Synonyms: Scrumptious, Luscious, Appetising
Antonyms: Tasteless, Unsavoury, Flavourless
 The professional chef created delectable foods of all sorts.
- **Deleterious (adj.)** (مضر، ضرر رساں) Harmful
Synonyms: Detrimental, Ruinous, Damaging
Antonyms: Harmless, Undamaging, Undisruptive
 Had I been aware of the deleterious effects of this medicine on the nervous system, I would never have recommended it to you.
- **Deliberate (v & adj.)** (فکر کرنا، سوچ بچار کرنا) 1. Consider, Think carefully. 2. Intentional, Fully considered
Synonyms: Premeditated, Intentional, Conscious
Antonyms: Haphazard, Accidental, Fortuitous
 1. Boss has asked me to deliberate over the proposal for a few days before giving a definitive answer.
 2. Slowly and deliberately, he poured gasoline over the dossier of documents and set it alight.
- **Delineate (v)** (فانک پٹنا، بیان کرنا) Portray, Depict, Sketch
Synonyms: Outline, Explain, Demarcate
Antonyms: Expound, Elucidate
 As a good manager, you should be able to clearly delineate the tasks for all your subordinates.
- **Delirium (n)** (ہیپان، جنون) Mental disorder marked by confusion, Great excitement
Synonyms: Vehemence, Hallucination, Confusion
Antonyms: Understanding, Considerate

Because of the high fever, he has now been in a state of delirium for quite some time, mumbling incoherently even when he is asleep.

- **Deliverance** (n) (چھٹکارا، نجات) Release or rescue
Synonyms: Escape, Liberation, Delivery
Antonyms: Capture, Confine, Incarcerate
 Each year, hundreds of people gather in this church on Good Friday to pray to the Lord for deliverance from their sins.
- **Delude** (v) (بھگانا، بھڑکانا) Mislead, fool, gull
Synonyms: Cozen, Dupe, Deceive
Antonyms: Be Truthful
 The thieves deluded the old woman into thinking that they had been sent by the telephone department to set right the faulty line.
- **Deluge** (n & v) (طغیانی، طوفان، سیلاب) Flood, Rush
Synonyms: Inundation, Cascade, Torrent
Antonyms: Drought, Famine
 He let out a deluge of swear words at the peon for spilling ink on his shirt.
- **Delve** (v) (چھان بین کرنا، کھودنا) Dig, Investigate
Synonyms: Probe, Enquire, Research
Antonyms: Create, Invent
 I had told you that delving into his past would be futile; he's got a very clear record behind him.
- **Demagogue** (n) (جذبات انگیز خطیب، عوامی لیڈر) A leader who influences the populace by appealing to prejudices and passion, Rabble-rouser
Synonyms: Agitator, Fomenter, Incendiary
Antonyms: Intermediary, Pacificator, Interlocutor.
 By instilling the fear of God in the innocent masses, the demagogue incited them to vote for his political party.
- **Demean** (v) (ذلیل کرنا، حقیر کرنا) Degrade, Humiliate
Synonyms: Humiliate, Degrade, Disgrace
Antonyms: Uplift, Boost
 Several women's organisations have severely criticised this advertisement, saying that it is demeaning to the dignity of women.
- **Demeanour** (n) (دھیرہ، سلوک، برتاؤ) Behaviour, outward bearing or manner
Synonyms: Mien, Deportment
 There was nothing in his demeanour to suggest that he had been upset by the news of the stock market crash.
- **Demented** (adj.) (جھڑا، لکھواس، پاگل) Insane, driven mad
Synonyms: Crazy, Frenzied, Manic
Antonyms: Calm, Tranquil, Composed
 She is so secretive that trying to get anything out of her can make any normal person demented.
- **Demolition** (n) (انہدام، سہاری) Destruction
Synonyms: Annihilation, Devastation, Flattening
Antonyms: Construction, Production

The government has ordered to demolish all the unauthorised buildings and shops in the area.

- **Demur** (n & v) (پس دہش کرنا، احتجاج کرنا) To express disagreement or refusal to do something
Synonyms: Staid, Baulk, Doubt
Antonyms: Accept, Agree, Consent
 I requested the professor to defer the last date for submitting the thesis, but he demurred saying that he has given enough time for completion of the report.
- **Demure** (adj.) (ستین، سنجیدہ، خاموش) Grave, Serious, Coy
Synonyms: Decorous, Diffident, Modest
Antonyms: Bold, Audacious, Courageous
 As a child she used to be very quiet and shy; I clearly remember her sitting demurely in her mother's lap each time I saw her in the church.
- **Denigrate** (v) (بدنام کرنا) Defame, Tarnish the reputation of
Synonyms: Malign, Slander, Traduce, Vilify
Antonyms: Lionize, glorify fête
 By indulging in such destructive activities, he is denigrating the name of his own family in the society.
- **Denizen** (n) (باشندہ، ساکن) Inhabitant, occupant. Also, an alien admitted to the rights of citizenship, a naturalised citizen
Synonyms: Occupant, Native, Resident
Antonyms: Alien, Foreigner, Immigrant
 King Crabs are the long-legged denizens of the Alaskan coastal waters.
- **Denouement** (n) (انجام داستان) Outcome, Final development of the plot of a play
Synonyms: Conclusion, Ending, Cessation
Antonyms: Start, Beginning, Commencement
 In a most unexpected denouement to the political drama that had continued for nearly two weeks, the leader of an insignificant political party was elected the Chief Minister, thanks to some last-moment secret deals.
- **Denounce** (v) (غلانہ طاعت کرنا، غلامیہ الزام دینا) Condemn, Criticise
Synonyms: Deplore, Censure
Antonyms: Condone, Support
 The government's decision to raise the income tax by as much as 10% has been severely denounced on all fronts.
- **Depict** (v) (تصویر یا نقش کشینا، بیان کرنا) Portray, Present in drawing or colours
Synonyms: Represent, Portray, Illustrate
Antonyms: Confuse, Distort
 He depicted an elaborate plan of attack.
- **Deplete** (v) (ذخیرے کو خالی کرنا، ختم کرنا) Reduce, Exhaust, Empty out
Synonyms: Reduce, Drain, Diminish
Antonyms: Refurbishment, Restitution, Renovation
 He has depleted all the money that he had borrowed from me, and is now back again asking for more.

- **Deplore** (ت) (افسوس کرنا، ماتم کرنا) Regret, Disapprove of, grieve over
Synonyms: Bewail, Abhor, Deprecate
Antonyms: Approve, Commend
 Even though she deplored her husband's decision to quit his job and shift to farming, she had no choice but to accept it.
- **Deploy** (ت) (مف آرائی کرنا) Spread out (troops) in an extended line, bring into effective action
Synonyms: Organise, Arrange, Install
Antonyms: Withdraw, Vacate
 The general has called for the deployment of troops along the international boundary, fearing an attack from the other side.
- **Deportation** (ن) (ملک بدری، دیکھنا) Official removal of a person from a country
Synonyms: Expel, Extradition, Expatriation
Antonyms: Approval, Permission
 According to the laws of this country, a foreigner who has sought asylum cannot be deported till his case has been decided.
- **Deportment** (ن) (طرز رفتاری، طرز زندگی) The way a person behaves, esp. the way he/she walks and stands
Synonyms: Demeanour, Mien, Behaviour
 The young engineering graduates were given lessons in deportment by the company, since they were supposed to meet clients in the course of their work.
- **Depose** (ت) (عہدے سے معزول کر دینا) Dethrone, Remove from office
Synonyms: Topple, Overthrow, Unseat
 They deposed her from office so she had to go home.
- **Deposition** (ن) (بیانِ مطلق، مکتوبِ شہادت) A written testimony given under oath, a sworn statement.
Synonyms: Affidavit, Declaration, Evidence
Antonyms: Disallowance, Refusal, Repudiation
 His deposition provided to the court clearly stated that his company had never conducted any overseas business, even though the records seized from the company premises reveal a different story.
- **Depravity** (ن) (بد اخلاق، بد چلتی) Extreme corruption, Wickedness, Moral perversion
Synonyms: Immorality, Wickedness, Degeneracy
Antonyms: Goodness, integrity
 In an act of utter depravity, he betrayed his brother at the hands of the criminal for a sum of \$ 5000.
- **Deprecate** (ت) (نا پسندیدگی یا نفوٹ کا اظہار کرنا) Express disapproval of, Protest against
Synonyms: Condemn, Denounce, Denigrate
Antonyms: Appreciate, Applaud
 The teacher gave the boys a deprecating glance and told them to be quiet.
- **Depreciate** (ت) (قیمت گھٹانا) Lessen in value
Synonyms: Devalue, Deflate
Antonyms: Appreciate

- Over the last fifteen months, the value of the Canadian dollar has depreciated by nearly 20% against the US dollar.
- **Depredation** (ن) (لوٹ مار، تاخت و تاراج) Despoiling, Plundering
Synonyms: Destruction, Ravages, Havoc
Antonyms: Restoration, Reinstallation
 There were several depredations in that area
 - **Deranged** (ن) (مضطرب، لٹوا، پاگل) Insane, Disturbed
Synonyms: Disturbed, Unhinged, Unstable
Antonyms: Calm, Comfort
 Working in the lunatic asylum as a security guard took its toll on him and he himself became a little deranged after he retired.
 - **Derelict** (Adj. & n) (ترک کردہ، لا وارث) Abandoned, Negligent, Abandoned property or forsaken person
Synonyms: Dilapidated, Ruined, Decaying
Antonyms: Improved, Populated
 Forgotten by his relatives and having no children, his last few years were spent in misery as a derelict.
 - **Deride** (ت) (مستحکم اڑانا، مذاق کرنا) To make fun of, to treat scornfully, scoff at
Synonyms: Disdain, Ridicule, Disparage
Antonyms: Respect, Reverence
 Everyone present at the gathering derided him for his stupid comments; some even went to the extent of saying that he had lost his mental balance.
 - **Derisory** (adj.) (تسخیرانہ) A very small amount, not worth consideration
Synonyms: Ironical, Pathetic, Ridiculous
Antonyms: Strong, Generous
 They are paid a derisory amount for all the hard work they do; but because of their inability to do anything else, they have no choice but to continue.
 - **Derivative** (Adj. & n) (ماخوذ) Unoriginal, Derived from another source
Synonyms: Copied, Derived, Imitative
Antonyms: Original, Novel
 His paintings are terrible derivatives of the works of great masters such as Dali and Rembrandt.
 - **Dermatologist** (ن) (ماہرِ امراضِ جلد) One who studies the skin and its diseases
Synonyms: Skin Specialist
 Since the blisters on his left hand had begun to itch badly, he finally decided to consult a dermatologist.
 - **Derogate** (ت) (توقین کرنا، عزت میں کمی کرنا) To detract, take away a part from a whole
Synonyms: Disparage, Humiliate, Insult, Slander
Antonyms: Praise, Extol
 Seeing that I was over-burdened, my boss decided to derogate some of the work he had initially assigned to me and did it himself.
 - **Desecrate** (ت) (بے حرمتی کرنا، بے ادبی کرنا) Deprive of sacred character; Outrage
Synonyms: Sully, Despoil, Vandalise
Antonyms: Consecrate, Sanctify

The tribal chief ruled that the foreigner, by clicking a photograph of their deity, had desecrated their religion and would be punished.

- **Desolate** (adj. & v) (اکیلا، ویران) 1. Lonely, Left alone, A barren state. 2. Depopulate, make wretched
Synonyms: Deserted, Uninhabited, Depressing
Antonyms: Populous, Packed
The sudden demise of her husband left her in a desolate state, until her younger daughter came to live with her.
- **Desperado** (n) (بے باک مجرم، لٹنگ) A desperate criminal or law breaker
Synonyms: Outlaw, Gangster, Villain
Antonyms: Hero, Champion
Knowing that there were not too many places to hide, the desperado forcibly entered an apartment, took its inmates captive, and threatened to kill them if he was hunted by the police.
- **Despise** (v) (خوارت سے دیکھنا، نفرت کرنا) Look on with scorn, Regard as worthless or distasteful
Synonyms: Loathe, Deride, Spurn
Antonyms: Value, Regard
I really despise the way he blindly goes after money; I can never think of being so materialistic.
- **Despoil** (v) (لوٹ لینا، محروم کر دینا) Plunder, Deprive of all possessions
Synonyms: Pillage, Spoliation, Rapine, Forage
Antonyms: Donate, Bequeath, Impart
During the earthquake people despoiled the stores that were deserted by their owners
- **Despondent** (adj.) (نا افسوس، نا امید) Depressed, Gloomy
Synonyms: Hopeless, Pessimistic, Dejected
Antonyms: Buoyant, Cheerful
Why are you looking so despondent? Cheer up!
- **Despot** (n) (مطلق العنان حاکم) A Harsh and absolute ruler, Tyrant
Synonyms: Dictator, Autocrat, Tyrant
Antonyms: Egalitarian, Democratic
As opposed to his predecessor who was a cruel despot, the new king was kind and concerned about the welfare of his people.
- **Destitute** (adj.) (غفل، کنگال) Extremely poor, Without resources
Synonyms: Impoverished, Penniless, Insolvent
Antonyms: Solvent, Flush, Prosperous
The heavy losses he incurred on the share market as well as in his own business left him destitute and impoverished; he had no option but to plead before his elder brother for a loan.
- **Desultory** (adj.) (غیر مسلسل، بے ربط) Going from one subject to another aimlessly, Disconnected
Synonyms: Unmethodical, Unfocused
Antonyms: Systematic, Methodical

I went to him hoping to get a lot of knowledge on the subject of his specialisation; however, he disappointed me by just making a desultory conversation of hardly any relevance.

- **Détente** (n) (دو ملکوں کے مابین دشمنی میں کمی) Easing of strained relations esp. between two states
Synonyms: Harmony, Relaxation, Relief, Tranquillity
Antonyms: Hostility, Worry
For the first time in nearly three decades, the two warring nations seem to be heading towards a détente; as recent gestures from both sides point to a softening of the earlier hard stance.
- **Deterrent** (Adj. & n) (مردار اور کاٹ ڈالنے والا) Something that discourages, Hindrance
Synonyms: Prevention, Disincentive, Restraint
Antonyms: Incitement, Provocation
Advocates of capital punishment have often argued that the fear of death can prove to be a deterrent against crime, so it should not be altogether done away with in our legal system.
- **Detonate** (v) (بم پھٹنا، دھماکے سے اڑنا) To cause to explode
Synonyms: Explode, Ignite, Blow up
Antonyms: Defuse, Dismantle
The police are not ready to accept the theory that the bomb was detonated from a distant location by a remote device.
- **Detract** (v) (توجہ ہٹانا) To take away, To make something less valuable or less deserving of admiration
Synonyms: Blister, Cheapen, Undervalue
Antonyms: Attract
She is so naturally beautiful that the heavy make-up only detracts from her beauty.
- **Detrimental** (adj.) (ضرر رساں، نقصان دہ) Harmful, Damaging
Synonyms: Disadvantageous, Negative, Injurious
Antonyms: Beneficial, Helpful
That smoking is harmful is a well known fact, what is not so well known that it is detrimental even to the life of the unborn child or the foetus.
- **Deviate** (v) (تجاوز کرنا، منحرف ہونا) Turn away from, Depart, Diverge
Synonyms: Diverge, Swerve, Digress
Antonyms: Converge, Congregate
The residents of this hostel are expected to strictly adhere to the routine laid out for them, and not deviate from it in any respect.
- **Devious** (adj.) (بہ فریب، پیچ دار) Roundabout, Erratic, Not straightforward
Synonyms: Deceitful, Machiavellian, Conniving
Antonyms: Upright, Reliable
When a straightforward interrogation did not help, he resorted to all sorts of devious means, including blackmail, to get out the truth from her.
- **Devise** (n & v) (تدبیر کرنا، اختراع کرنا) Think up, Invent, Plan
Synonyms: Formulate, Originate, Develop
Antonyms: Scrounge, Cade

Within two weeks, the team of professionals drawn from various fields was able to devise a comprehensive plan for tackling the problem of rising pollution levels in the city.

- **Devoid** (*adj.*) (مردم، خالی) Lacking, Destitute
Synonyms: Empty, Barren, Bereft, Wanting
Antonyms: Replete, Abounding, Stuffed
 What makes her acting look so good is that it is completely devoid of any theatricality and her expressions are completely natural.
- **Devolve** (*v*) (پروانہ، تفویض ہونا) Transfer or be passed on
Synonyms: Pass, Transfer, Delegate
Antonyms: Continue, Seize, Retain
 The basic problem with the new manager is that he just does not know how to devolve responsibility to his juniors, and wants to do everything on his own.
- **Devotee** (*n*) (دل و جان سے وفادار) Enthusiastic follower
Synonyms: Disciple, Supporter, Aficionado
Antonyms: Adversary, Antagonist, Enemy
 Devotees of Islam, celebrate the Eid festivals with great religious fervour.
- **Devout** (*adj.*) (مذہبی، پارسا) Religious, Pious
Synonyms: Virtuous, Staunch, Devoted
Antonyms: Impious, Indifferent
 Being a devout Muslim, he makes it a point to offer his prayers five times a day despite his busy schedule.
- **Dexterous** (*adj.*) (تیز دست، یک دست) Deft, Neat-handed, Mentally, adroit, Skilful
Synonyms: Adroit, Adept, Agile
Antonyms: Awkward, Clumsy, Inept
 With a few dexterous strokes of his paintbrush, the master artist, performing as if he were a magician, transformed the sickly looking figure on the canvas into an imperious prince.
- **Diabolical** (*adj.*) (شیطان، ابلیس) Devilish, Atrociously cruel or wicked
Synonyms: Fiendish, Monstrous, Wretched
Antonyms: Seraphic, Temperate, Decent
 The boy could no longer tolerate the diabolical treatment meted out to him by his master, and ran away.
- **Diagnosis** (*n*) (تشخیص) Identification of disease by means of patient's symptoms
Synonyms: Identification Conclusion Analysis
 The doctor has made an initial diagnosis, but has also asked me to take the opinion of a specialist.
- **Dialectic** (*n & adj.*) (منطق، علم کلام سے متعلق) 1. Art of logical disputation, Testing of truth by discussion. 2. Criticism dealing with metaphysical contradictions and their solutions
Synonyms: Analytic, Argumentative, Controversial
Antonyms: Illogical, Irrational

To solve the case, the detective took a dialectic approach, testing all opposing views against one another till finally reaching a conclusion.

- **Diaphanous** (*adj.*) (شفاف، نور گذار) Transparent, So delicate and thin that light can pass through it
Synonyms: Gossamer, Filmy, Sheer
Antonyms: Thick, Heavy
 I caught a glimpse of the girl through her diaphanous veil, and what I saw was a picture of exquisite beauty.
- **Diatribes** (*n*) (تہمتیں) Violent verbal attack, Denunciation
Synonyms: Inveigh, Denunciation, Criticism
Antonyms: Praise, Applaud
 As expected, the opposition leader launched a diatribe against the government's finance policies almost as soon as he started his speech.
- **Dichotomy** (*n*) (دو در دو میں تقسیم) Split, Division into two
Synonyms: Disunion, Separation, Split
Antonyms: Harmony
 The dichotomy between what he says and what he does is sometimes so glaring that I sometimes wonder whether he is mentally a little fragile.
- **Dictum** (*n*) (منقولہ، مثل) Authoritative and weighty statement, Formal saying
Synonyms: Maxim, Pronouncement, Aphorism
Antonyms: Allegation
 Just Do It, apart from being a popular commercial slogan, is also very much an American dictum, which has influenced a large number of young people over the years.
- **Didactic** (*adj.*) (دہایت آموز، ناصحانہ) Meant to instruct, Having the manner of a teacher
Synonyms: Edifying, Informative, Coaching
Antonyms: Imprecise
 In many schools, traditional didactic teaching has been replaced by an approach which allows children to discover things for themselves.
- **Diffidence** (*n*) (شرمیلان، تجھک) Shyness, Excessively modest
Synonyms: Bashful, Reticence, Hesitancy
Antonyms: Boldness
 At first, she was extremely diffident about teaching a class of college students, but gained confidence almost as soon as she started her class.
- **Diffuse** (*v & adj.*) (پھیلائے، منتشر کرنا) 1. Send forth, Spread out 2. Not concise, not concentrated, Rambling
Synonyms: Disperse, Disseminate, Circulate
Antonyms: Concentrate, Contemplate
 In addition to being a source of information, the Internet can also be an excellent means of diffusion of learning and education across geographical borders.
- **Digression** (*n*) (اصل موضوع سے ہٹنے کا عمل) Wandering away from the subject, Depart from the main subject temporarily in speech or writing
Synonyms: Parenthesis, Excursion, Deviation
Antonyms: Directness, Straightness

I did not like her way of teaching because her lecture had too many digressions; she kept on wandering to various subjects, most of them not relevant to the central idea of her topic.

- **Dilapidated** (*adj.*) (خستہ حالت میں) In poor condition because of age and/or lack of care
Synonyms: Ramshackle, Rundown, Decrepit
Antonyms: Sturdy, Brawny
Except for the dilapidated old chair that was still intact, most of the other furniture in the room was broken or had simply wasted away.
- **Dilate** (*v*) (پھیلانا، بڑھانا) Expand, Make or become wider
Synonyms: Expand, Widen, Enlarge
Antonyms: Narrow, Tapered
The pupils of the eye become small as soon as light falls on them, whereas darkness makes them dilate.
- **Dilatory** (*adj.*) (تال مٹول، ریت دینے والا) Delaying, Tending to slow down action
Synonyms: Tardy, Behindhand, Lagging
Antonyms: Expediting, Advancement
The heavy lunch had a dilatory effect on my pace of work, and I could not complete the task by the evening as I had planned.
- **Dilemma** (*n*) (شش و پنج، تذبذب) Problem, Argument forcing opponent to choose one of two alternatives
Synonyms: Quandary, Predicament, Impasse
Antonyms: Miracle, Solution, Wonder
Now that I have got another offer of employment, which sounds as good as the earlier one, I am in a dilemma as to which one to choose.
- **Dilettante** (*n*) (شوخیہ فنکار) Person who dabbles in a subject for pleasure, An amateur
Synonyms: Dabbler, Amateur, Tyro
Antonyms: Professional, Authority
Twenty year ago, she had started off as a dilettante, occasionally playing the violin at informal gatherings; today she is among the most acknowledged exponents of the instrument.
- **Diligence** (*n*) (جاسوسی، محنت) Steadiness of effort, Persistent hard work
Synonyms: Assiduousness, Meticulousness, Attentiveness
Antonyms: Laziness, Lethargy
The lawyer diligently pursued the case for nearly three months, discovering in the process certain startling facts about the death of the old doctor.
- **Dilute** (*v & adj.*) (پتلا کرنا، رقیق کرنا) Make less concentrated, Reduce in strength by adding water or other solvent; Weakened
Synonyms: Adulterate, Attenuate, Reduce
Antonyms: Concentrate, Contemplate
The company took a series of measures, including an announcement on television, to dilute the public fears about the safety of its new drug.

- **Diminutive** (*Adj. & n*) (خفہ، مختصر) Remarkably small
Synonyms: Exiguous, Minuscule, Minute
Antonyms: Gigantic, Gargantuan
The baby monkey gathered the peanuts in its diminutive hands, not able to pick up more than two or three, and obediently gave them to its mother.
- **Din** (*n & v*) (شور، غل) Continued confused stunning or distracting noise
Synonyms: Hubbub, Rumpus, Commotion
Antonyms: Calm, Peace, Quiet
There was no way that I could hear the telephone ring above the din created by the children in the living room.
- **Dinghy** (*n*) (چھوٹی کشتی) Small boat
Synonyms: Cruiser, Ferry, Yacht
Antonyms: Ship
They cast anchor about a mile from the shore and reached the mainland on a dinghy.
- **Dingy** (*adj.*) (مرا، گھٹیا، دیرینہ) Dark and dirty
Synonyms: Atramentous, Melanoid, Filthy
Antonyms: Bright, Clean, Immaculate
The lawyer's chamber was a small, dingy room, poorly ventilated, with books and legal documents occupying most of its space.
- **Diorama** (*n*) (منظر بین) Representation of scene with three dimensional figures, viewed through a window etc.
Synonyms: Scenery
Miniature dioramas are typically much smaller.
- **Dire** (*adj.*) (خونناک، دہشت ناک) Dreadful, Calamitous
Synonyms: Terrible, Cataclysmic, Ominous
Antonyms: Favourable, Fortunate
The rogue threatened the family of dire consequences if they reported the kidnapping to the police.
- **Dirge** (*n*) (گم گئی گیت) A song or a poem of grief or of lamentation for the dead.
Synonyms: Elegy, Threnody, Requiem
Antonyms: Paean, Celebration
As soon as the hospital authorities formally announced the passing away of the head of state, the television and radio stations in the country started playing a mournful dirge.
- **Disabuse** (*v*) (غلط فہمی دور کرنا) Undeceive, Disillusion, Correct a false impression
Synonyms: Correct, Debunk, Disenchant
Antonyms: Deceive, Swindle
I always thought that those two were sworn enemies, but seeing them behave in such a friendly manner has disabused me of my notion.
- **Disaffected** (*adj.*) (نا مطمئن، غیر وفادار) Discontented, Disloyal
Synonyms: Alienate, Antagonise, Discompose
Antonyms: Content, Please

The management of the company has blamed the slowdown in production on disaffected workers, stating that it has taken steps to please the workers as far as possible, but the union leaders are not being sensible in their demands.

- **Disapprobation** (n) (نا منظور، نا پسندیدگی) Disapproval, Condemnation
Synonyms: Condemnation, Displeasure, Censure
Antonyms: Accolade, Praise
 The Chief Minister has expressed his strong disapprobation at the misuse of the funds at the village level.
- **Disarray** (n) (بے ترتیبی، بد نظمی) Disorderly or untidy state
Synonyms: Confusion, Hysteria, Chaos
Antonyms: Order, Calmness
 The extensive destruction to property because of the earthquake has caused complete disarray in the central budget for the next financial year; the government will have to find new ways to generate funds for the rehabilitation of the area.
- **Disavow** (v) (کسی چیز کے علم یا ذمہ داری سے انکار کرنا) To refuse to claim knowledge of or responsibility for something
Synonyms: Abnegation, Renounce, Recant
Antonyms: Acknowledge, Certify, Dispassionate
 The company was quick to disavow the rumour that it had plans to take over a loss-making production unit.
- **Disband** (v) (توڑنا، بکھردش ہونا) Dissolve, Separate
Synonyms: Scatter, Split, Scatter
Antonyms: Rally, Unite
 The day the three-member team was supposed to disband after the completion of the task came the news that they had been assigned another project and would have to work together for another three months.
- **Disburse** (v) (اجرت یا تنخواہ بٹانا) Pay out
Synonyms: Expend, Distribute, Allocate
Antonyms: Conserve, Save
 The 2nd working day of each month was the official day for the disbursement of wages, and it was also the day when the attendance in the factory was at a maximum.
- **Discernible** (adj.) (قابل فہم، قابل شناخت) Distinguishable, Perceivable
Synonyms: Apparent, Perceptible, Evident
Antonyms: Indistinguishable, Interchangeable
 There is no discernible difference between these two paintings, and had you not told me, I could never have made out which one was the fake.
- **Disclaim** (v) (دست بردار ہونا، لاقطعی طور پر انکار کرنا) Disown, Renounce legal claim to
Synonyms: Rebuff, Relinquish, Repudiate
Antonyms: Admit, Concede
 The management has disclaimed all responsibility for the accident in the factory, saying that the worker who was injured had come to the factory in an intoxicated state.

- **Disclose** (v) (اکشاف کرنا، کھولنا) Make known
Synonyms: Reveal, Divulge, Expose
Antonyms: Conceal, Obscure
 Unlike any other murder mystery, the identity of the killer is disclosed right at the beginning in this book, yet it makes for engrossing reading because of the way the detective goes about unravelling the motive and the method of the murder.
- **Discomfit** (v) (بے رحاس کر دینا) To make someone feel uncomfortable or embarrassed
Synonyms: Humiliate, Mortify, Confound
Antonyms: Surrender, Yield
 She was discomfited by the presence of several tough looking men in the compartment, but managed to keep a brave front.
- **Disconcert** (v) (گڑبڑ پیدا کر دینا، متاثر یا پیداکر دینا) Confuse, Upset, Derange, Spoil
Synonyms: Unsettle, Fluster, Perturb
Antonyms: Enlighten, Appease
 It was rather disconcerting to realize that the supposedly brand new refrigerator I had purchased had previously been used by someone.
- **Disconsolate** (adj.) (غمگین، مایوس) Sad, Disappointed, Forlorn, Inconsolable
Synonyms: Melancholy, Gloomy, Dejected
Antonyms: Joyous, Festive
 She was rather disconsolate at having lost such a wonderful opportunity to win the award, and everyone gathered around her trying to console her saying that she will surely get another chance.
- **Discord** (n & v) (عدم اتفاق) Lack of harmony, disagreement
Synonyms: Squabble, Dissension, Dissonance
Antonyms: Unanimity, Unison, Comity
 According to historians, the seeds of discord between India and Pakistan were sown by the British when they left undecided the status of the state of Kashmir.
- **Discourse** (n & v) (انکشاف خیال کرنا، اظہار کرنا) Speak or write in length on a subject. Also, any formal discussion.
Synonyms: Dialogue, Speech, Conversation
Antonyms: Hushed, Silence
 Many TV channels telecast a religious discourse in the morning, in which a religious spokesperson speaks about the benefits of spiritual pursuit.
- **Discredit** (n & v) (دروسی، بے اعتباری) Defame, Destroy confidence in, Disbelieve
Synonyms: Challenge, Deny, Disbelieve
Antonyms: Believe, Credit, Trust
 However hard his employers tried to discredit him for his achievements, the prospective employed recognised his worth and offered him a plum job.
- **Discreet** (adj.) (محکم، ہوشیار، دور اندیش) Tactful in dealing with others. Also, done quietly, without coming in notice of others
Synonyms: Prudent, Judicious, Tactful
Antonyms: Reckless, Inattentive, Careless

Someone discreetly passed a note into my hand as I was reading my speech; I don't think anyone in the crowd would have noticed.

- **Discrepancy (n)** (تضاد، فرق، اشتکاف) Lack of consistency, Difference
Synonyms: Inconsistency, Incongruity, Disagreement
Antonyms: Concordance, Harmony, Parity
 There was a minor discrepancy in the report he submitted to me on the performance of the company, but I let it pass because the overall presentation of the report was excellent.
- **Discrete (adj.)** (الگ، جدا) Separate, Individually distinct
Synonyms: Separate, Detached, Isolated
Antonyms: Continuous, Unremitting
 The veteran industrialist divided his company into three discrete divisions, which would be independently handled by each of his three sons.
- **Discriminate (v)** (انتیاز کرنا) To be prejudiced, Unreasonably favour one side
Synonyms: Differentiate, Categorise, Classify
Antonyms: Associate, Confuse
 I could not discriminate the different tastes in this complicated dish.
- **Discriminating (adj.)** (انتیاز کرنے والا) Able to observe fine points or differences
Synonyms: Astute, Prudent, Refined
Antonyms: Uncritical, Undiscriminating
 Indian marketers have now learnt that the consumers have become very discriminating, and a poor quality product will not sell however well it has been marketed.
- **Discursive (adj.)** (جلد جلد موضوع بدلنے والا) Rambling, not keeping to the main subjects, wandering from the main point
Synonyms: Digressive, Meandering, Prolix
Antonyms: Concise, Deviating, Centrifugal
 That was among the most discursive lectures I've ever heard; he spoke on everything except the topic he was supposed to speak on.
- **Disdain (n & v)** (حقیر سمجھنا، حقیر کرنا) View with scorn or contempt
Synonyms: Disparagement, Condescension, Disregard
Antonyms: Reverence, Respect
 With utter disdain for his feelings, she tore the card he had given to her into shreds.
- **Disembark (v)** (جہاز سے اترنا) Go ashore, Unload cargo from a ship
Synonyms: Alight, Come Ashore, Debark, Deplane
Antonyms: Embark, Board
 The captain of the ship requested all the passengers to wait for his signal before beginning to disembark from the ship.
- **Disengage (n & v)** (منقطع کرنا، آزاد کرنا، علی توڑ دینا) Separate, Disconnect
Synonyms: Uncouple, Extricate, Unfasten
Antonyms: Fasten, Unite
 Over the last few weeks, ever since I have heard that the company may be closing down I have become rather disengaged from my work.

- **Disfigure (v)** (مفلح کر دینا) Mar beauty of, Deform
Synonyms: Deface, Mutilate, Damage
Antonyms: Adorn, Beautify, Decorate
 The statue excavated at the archaeological site has only been slightly disfigured despite being buried under the earth for over a thousand years.
- **Disgorge (v)** (اگلنے کے کرنا) Surrender something, Eject, Vomit
Synonyms: Heave, Retch, Discharge
Antonyms: Hold, Retain
 The child had accidentally swallowed the key, so the doctor tried to make him disgorge it by administering him a mild medicine to induce vomit.
- **Disgruntled (adj.)** (انراک، برہم، ناراض) Discontented, Moody, Sulky
Synonyms: Irritated, Annoyed, Peeved
Antonyms: Pleased, Contented
 I don't see a reason why you are so disgruntled with your job; you get such a good salary!
- **Dishabile (n)** (ناکافی لباس، لاپرواہی سے پہنا ہوا میل ڈھال لباس) The state of being partially or negligently dressed
Synonyms: Nakedness, Nudity, Starkness
Antonyms: Clothed, Dressed, Clad
 Feeling the tremors of the earthquake, people of the colony rushed out of their houses, many of them in a state of dishabile.
- **Dishearten (v)** (حوصلہ ختم کرنا) Discourage, Cause to lose courage or hope
Synonyms: Discourage, Indispose, Dampen
Antonyms: Encourage, Promote
 Please don't be disheartened with your low GRE score; we know you have the potential to do well so you can always try again.
- **Dishevelled (adj.)** (پھیلا ہوا بال) Untidy, Unkempt
Synonyms: Messy, Scruffy, Tousled
Antonyms: Tidy, Shipshape, Uncluttered
 Visiting his residence early in the morning, I was a little surprised to find him in a dishevelled state as he is usually so well dressed when I see him in the office.
- **Disinclination (n)** (عدم رغبت) Absence of liking or willingness
Synonyms: Reluctance, Loathness, Repugnance
Antonyms: Inclination, Tendency
 I expressed my disinclination to continue as the secretary of the housing society, saying that I had been too involved in my personal work to handle the job well.
- **Disingenuous (adj.)** (غیر کلش، غامبردار) Lacking sincerity, Frankness or simplicity, Not straightforward
Synonyms: Deceitful, Untruthful, Insincere
Antonyms: Straightforward, Sincere
 The salesman was clearly being disingenuous, giving me the impression that the car was of 1998 make whereas I clearly knew that it was of an earlier make.

- **Disinter** (v) (اکھاڑنا، کھود نکالنا) Dig up, Unearth
Synonyms: Disentomb, Expose, Exhume
Antonyms: Bury
 Left with no other option, the court made the rather unusual decision to disinter the dead body from its grave and have a DNA test conducted on it to firmly establish its identity.
- **Disinterested** (adj.) (بے تعلق، غیر جانبدار) Unbiased and impartial
Synonyms: Neutral, Objective, Fair
Antonyms: Biased, Predisposed
 As far as I know, the judge is absolutely disinterested and will give a fair hearing to both the parties.
- **Disjoint** (v) (جوڑا لگ کرنا) To Dislocate, Disconnect
Synonyms: Displace, Dislodge, Dislocate
Antonyms: Connect, Fix
 He could only give a rather sketchy and disjointed account of the incident, despite the fact that he had seen it with his own eyes.
- **Dislodge** (v) (نکال دینا، مقررہ جگہ سے ہٹانا) Remove, Turn out
Synonyms: Remove, Extricate, Displace
Antonyms: Wedge, Block
 The dentist dislodged the piece of food that had been stuck under my gums.
- **Dismantle** (v) (بے باس کرنا، منہدم کرنا) Take apart
Synonyms: Annihilate, Denude, Demolish
Antonyms: Build, Combine, Construct
 The engineers dismantled the engine of the large vehicle to see what the problem was, and found that a valve was missing.
- **Dismember** (v) (کٹے کٹے کرنا) Cut into small parts
Synonyms: Amputate, Anatomise, Disassemble
Antonyms: Connect, Fasten
 In the gruesome murder case, the murderer had killed his victim, dismembered the body, and buried each part of the body in a separate location on the field.
- **Disparage** (v) (تخیر کرنا، نام نہام کرنا) To speak or treat with disrespect or contempt
Synonyms: Belittle, Ridicule, Vilify
Antonyms: Complement, Eulogise
 The teacher disparaged him in front of the whole class, saying that he was a good for nothing.
- **Disparate** (Adj. & n) (مختلف، بے جواز) Basically different, Unrelated
Synonyms: Dissimilar, Incongruent, Contrasting
Antonyms: Analogous, Alike
 Though they came from the most disparate of backgrounds -- one from a wealthy business family and the other the son of a humble farmer -- they remained the best of friends throughout their lives.
- **Dispassionate** (adj.) (غیر جانبدار، غیر متعصب) Free from emotions, Calm, Impartial
Synonyms: Calm, Unemotional, Composed
Antonyms: Fiery, Sweltering

- Prone to being emotional like all human beings, it sometimes becomes very difficult for a judge to give a dispassionate hearing to a court case involving human issues.
- **Dispatch** (n & v) (بھیجنا، ارسال کرنا) 1. Send off to a destination 2. Speed and effectiveness
Synonyms: Consign, Express, Efficiency.
Antonyms: Keep, Prohibit, Retain
 1. The goods were dispatched from the port on Tuesday, and should arrive at the destination by Sunday.
 2. The children finished their assignments with great dispatch, since their teacher had promised to tell them a story as soon as they finished their task.
 - **Dispel** (v) (ناک کرنا، رفع کرنا) Scatter, Drive away, Cause to vanish
Synonyms: Disperse, Distribute, Dismiss
Antonyms: Accumulate, Collect, Garner
 If I had any doubts about his sincerity towards his job, they were dispelled when I saw him working for nearly 24 hours at a stretch in order to complete the assignment I had given to him.
 - **Disperse** (v) (پھرتا کرنا، بکھیرنا) Throw or send in different directions
Synonyms: Scatter, Spread, Diffuse
Antonyms: Focus, Centre
 When the protesters did not disperse even after the police had used tear gas, the administration had no option but to resort to firing in the air.
 - **Dispirited** (adj.) (ایس، نا امید) Dejected, Lacking hope
Synonyms: Crestfallen, Disheartened, Disconsolate
Antonyms: Hopeful, Encouraged
 I had always found him to be active and cheerful, so was quite surprised to find him sitting dispirited and dull.
 - **Disquisition** (n) (مقالہ، مضمون) Long, elaborate speech or writing
Synonyms: Dissertation, Theme, Thesis, Treatise
Antonyms: Synopsis, précis
 After a lengthy disquisition on the ill-effects of genetic manipulation, the speaker went on to demonstrate some photographs that made sent shivers down the spine of the audience.
 - **Dissection** (n) (پیرچھان) Analysis, Cutting apart in order to examine
Synonyms: Itemisation, Categorisation
Antonyms: Connection, Mending
 Though the dissection of animals in biological experiments has contributed a lot to the field of medicine by telling us about the internal organs, many people still object to the cutting up of animals for the benefit of mankind.
 - **Dissemble** (v) (دیکھ بھال کرنا، گھپنا) Disguise, Pretend
Synonyms: Dissimulate, Counterfeit, Camouflage
Antonyms: Admit, Allow
 The army officer tried his best to dissemble that there had not been any breach of authority, but the investigations revealed otherwise.

- **Disseminate** (v) (کھیرنا، منتشر کرنا، پھیلاتا) Distribute, Spread, Scatter about
Synonyms: Broadcast, Propagate, Circulate
Antonyms: Assemble, Gather
 The Ministry of Health has proposed to set up a public affairs department whose function would be to disseminate information to the public about infectious diseases like AIDS and Hepatitis-B.
- **Dissent** (n & v) (اختلاف رائے ہونا) 1. To think differently or disagree. 2. Difference of opinion
Synonyms: Baulk, Disagree, Dispute
Antonyms: Concur, Coincide
 Though he did not express dissent, I could see that he was not fully in agreement with the plan that the CEO had proposed.
- **Dissertation** (n) (مقالہ، ڈاکٹریٹ کے امیدوار کا تحریری مقالہ) Detailed discourse on a subject, esp. as submitted for higher degree in university
Synonyms: Thesis, Critique, Exposition
Antonyms: Conversation, Dialect
 For his doctoral degree, he plans to do a dissertation on What caused the Dotcom Doom?
- **Dissident** (n) (اختلاف رائے رکھنے والا) Rebellious, Person who disagrees with and criticizes the group to which he/she belongs
Synonyms: Dissenter, Iconoclast, Unorthodox
Antonyms: Conformist, Conventional
 Because of the unpopularity of the new leader in the political party, a number of its members had turned dissidents, which was a cause for worry for the leadership.
- **Dissimulate** (v) (چھپانا، مٹا دینا) Pretend, Conceal
Synonyms: Camouflage, Cloak, Feign
Antonyms: Reveal, Show, Uncover
 Though he tried hard to keep a straight face, he could not dissimulate that he had felt greatly hurt because of the harsh words spoken against him by his friend.
- **Dissipate** (v) (منتشر کرنا، مختلف سمتوں میں بکھل جانا) Squander, Waste, Scatter, Disperse
Synonyms: Consume, Misspend, Deplete
Antonyms: Coagulate, Economise, Hoard
 Having spent two years in the same job, his enthusiasm had dissipated because the work was rather repetitive and monotonous.
- **Dissolute** (adj.) (عماش، بد چلن) Lacking moral restraint or self discipline, given to immoral conduct
Synonyms: Immoral, Debauched, Dissipated
Antonyms: Upright, Honest
 When his infidelity with his wife became known in the rather conservative society, he was branded a dissolute and was ostracised from the society.
- **Dissonant** (adj.) (بے جوڑ، ناموافق، کرخت) Not in harmony, Harsh
Synonyms: Cacophonous, Inharmonious, Discordant
Antonyms: Harmonious, In agreement

- 1. The orchestra played in perfect unison, with not a single dissonant note being struck.
- 2. My ideas on this issue are quite in dissonance with his; while he is a strong believer in perpetuity of life and the concept of rebirth, I am strongly opposed to such ideas.
- **Dissuade** (v) (دور رکھنا، منع کرنا) Persuade not to do, Discourage
Synonyms: Thwart, Expostulate, Deprecate
Antonyms: Exhort, Incite, Persuade
 I tried my best to dissuade him from going out in the harsh weather, but he did not listen to me and left for the club.
- **Distant** (adj.) (دور، بچیدار) Reserved or aloof, Far away from
Synonyms: Remote, Isolated, Secluded
Antonyms: Proximate, Adjoining
 At first he appears to be quite distant and aloof, unconcerned about the people around him, but as you get to know him better, you realize that he is a very sensitive and caring person.
- **Distend** (v) (چھلانا، بڑھانے سے پھولنا) Expand, Swell out
Synonyms: Inflate, Enlarge, Bloat
Antonyms: Diminish, Ebb
 Quite paradoxically, malnutrition in children causes their stomach to distend and they look quite well fed when they are actually starving.
- **Distil** (v) (مقطر کرنا، کشید کرنا) Extract the essence, Refine
Synonyms: Purify, Glean, Condense
Antonyms: Dilute, Expand
 After going through a lot of websites, I managed to distil a lot of basic information about the various forms of oriental meditation, as required for my project.
- **Distinction** (n) (امتیاز، فضیلت) Making of a difference, honour, contrast, discrimination
Synonyms: Peculiarity, Dissimilarity, Characteristic
Antonyms: Normality, Ordinarity
 The government has clearly said that it will not make any distinction between these terrorist killings and cases of murder.
- **Distort** (v) (توڑنا، مس کرنا) Twist out of shape
Synonyms: Disfigure, Misrepresent, Twist
Antonyms: True, Exact, Accurate
 This report is far removed from reality – it gives a rather distorted picture of what actually happened on the battlefield.
- **Distract** (adj.) (غیر متوجہ) Inattentive, not paying attention
Synonyms: Abstracted, Preoccupied, Unfocused
Antonyms: Attentive, Assiduous
 Even after the teacher had scolded him a couple of times, the distract child kept looking out of the window.
- **Distraught** (adj.) (تھوڑا اُلوس، تھوڑا بے چارہ) Much agitated, Upset
Synonyms: Distressed, Flustered, Hysterical
Antonyms: Calm, Gladdened, Happy

I've never seen him so nervous and distraught -- it looks as if the documents he cannot find must have contained something very important.

- **Dither** (n & v) (گھبراہٹ، تذبذب) To be indecisive about something, or to do something nervously
Synonyms: Hesitate, Dawdle, Vacillate
Antonyms: Silence, Stillness, Tranquillity
 He's still dithering over whether to accept the job he's been offered.
- **Diurnal** (adj.) (دن سے متعلق) Of or in the day, Of the daytime
Synonyms: Circadian, Common
Antonyms: Nightly, Nocturnal
 Being next to a desert, this town is marked by severe temperature fluctuation; while the diurnal temperature here is very high, nights are quite cold.
- **Diva** (n) (عظیم مغنیہ) A famous female opera singer
Synonyms: Leading Lady, Prima Donna, Starlet
Antonyms: Villain, Supporting Character
 Madonna, the famous pop diva, has just released her latest album, which has songs quite unlike what she has sung in the past.
- **Divagate** (v) (بھٹکانا، مگرادھونا) Stray, digress
Synonyms: Humiliate, Insult, Slander
Antonyms: Celebration, Enjoyment, Praise
 He has a very annoying habit of divagating from the topic while making a conversation; you have to coax him to stick to the main point.
- **Diverge** (v) (پھولنا، پکڑنا) Vary, Go in different directions from the same point
Synonyms: Bifurcate, Ramble, Separate, Split
Antonyms: Agree, Converge, Join, Parallel
 Now that he has established his reputation as a theatre actor, his career has diverged dramatically from what he had set out to be -- a management consultant.
- **Diverse** (adj.) (متنوع، مختلف) Differing in some characteristics, Various
Synonyms: Assorted, Sundry, Miscellaneous
Antonyms: Conforming, Identical, Similar
 The garden had a rich and diverse variety of flowers growing in it; the whole appearance was very colourful.
- **Diversion** (n) (مغنی راستہ) Deflecting, Act of turning aside
Synonyms: Turning, Variation, Deflection
Antonyms: Conforming, Staying
 Since the road was closed because of some repair work, we were forced to take a diversion.
- **Divest** (v) (حرام سے محروم کرنا) 1. To take something off or away from someone. 2. To sell a business or a part of business
Synonyms: Bereave, Plunder, Remove
Antonyms: Cover, Invest, Possess, Take
 1. Proved guilty of improper conduct during the Olympic Games, the athlete was divested of all the medals that he had won in the Games.

- 2. The divestment of his business has proved to be a good deal for him -- he has earned more in the deal than what he would have earned if had continued to run the business over five years.
- **Divine** (v & adj.) (غدا کی برائی، سادی) 1. Guess or discover by inspiration 2. From or like God, or a god, devoted to god, superhumanly excellent
Synonyms: Heavenly, Presume, Godly
Antonyms: Earthly, Imperfect, Profane
 1. I divined from his cheerful expression that he had come with good news.
 2. The expression on the monk's face was one of divine peace -- it seemed as if he had no worldly troubles at all.
- **Divulge** (v) (ناش کرنا، انکشاف کرنا) Reveal or disclose
Synonyms: Promulgate, Expose, Broadcast
Antonyms: Conceal, Hide, Keep, Secrete
 You had promised you would not divulge my secret to anyone, then how did she get to know about it?
- **Docile** (adj.) (اطاعت گزار، فرماں بردار) Submissive, Meek, Easily Manageable
Synonyms: Amenable, Teachable, Tractable
Antonyms: Truculent, Fractious
 My pet dog looks rather ferocious but it is actually quite docile and eager to make friends if you approach him correctly.
- **Doctrine** (n) (امول، نظریہ) Teachings in general, Body of instruction
Synonyms: Ideology, Canon, Dogma
Antonyms: Heterodoxy, Scepticism, Unbelief
 The doctrine of sovereign immunity originated with the maxim that the king can do no wrong.
- **Doff** (v) (لباس یا ہیٹ وغیرہ اتارنا) To take off, as clothing or a hat
Synonyms: Remove, Discard, Remove
Antonyms: Don, Put on
 The well dressed gentleman smartly doffed his hat as he passed the two ladies.
- **Dogged** (adj.) (مستقل مزاج، مضد) Determined, Stubborn
Synonyms: Persistent, Staunch, Steadfast
Antonyms: Intermittent, Double entendre
 Her amazing capacity for hard work, along with a sense of sincerity and dogged determination, led her to the top of the organisational hierarchy.
- **Doggerel** (adj. & n) (تک بند، ناقص شاعری) Trivial worthless verse
Synonyms: Uneuphonious, Unfelicitous, Ungraceful
Antonyms: Prose
 How can you read such doggerel? scolded the father to his son, looking at the trashy comic books he was reading.
- **Dogma** (n) (راج عقیدہ، مذہبی اصول) Doctrine(s) put forward by authority, expected to be accepted without any doubts
Synonyms: Principle, Canon, Conviction
Antonyms: Ambiguity, Doubt, Indecision
 The dogma of our religion makes much sense to us.

- **Doldrums** (n) (دولڈرڈم) Dullness, Lifelessness, Low spirit
Synonyms: Melancholy, Despondency, Pessimism
Antonyms: Optimism, Sanguinity
 Having lost most of his savings in the stock market crash, his finances were in the doldrums as a large part of his salary went into paying off the loan he had taken to construct a house.
- **Doleful** (adj) (دولفول) Sorrowful, Very sad
Synonyms: Sombre, Dismal, Dull
Antonyms: Merry, Cheerful
 As everyone stood with a doleful expression on their face at the funeral, I could see tears beginning to swell in her beautiful eyes.
- **Dolorous** (adj) (دولورس) Distressing, Causing sadness or emotional suffering
Synonyms: Mournful, Sorrowful, Woebegone
Antonyms: Happy, Joyful
 Mirza Ghalib, the noted Urdu poet who lived in India about 300 years ago, is known for his dolorous poetry, much of which revolves around the distress and pain he suffered in love.
- **Dolt** (n) (ڈولٹ) Stupid person, Dull fellow, Blockhead
Synonyms: Ignoramus, Lamebrain
Antonyms: Clever, Brain, Genius
 He was trying to take the large sofa down the stairs all by himself – I've never seen a dolt like him!
- **Domicile** (n & v) (ڈومیسائل) 1. Establish, Settle, Dwell 2. Home, Dwelling place
Synonyms: Residence, Quarters, Abode
Antonyms: Office
 Since he had not reported his change of domicile to the job consultants, the letter offering him the job could not reach his address.
- **Domineer** (v) (ڈومینیر) Rule over tyrannically
Synonyms: Persecute, Intimidate, Dictate
Antonyms: Submissive
 He has such a domineering wife that she does not let him go anywhere without her permission.
- **Don** (n & v) (ڈون) 1. Put on 2. Spanish title prefixed to Christian name
Synonyms: Wear, Carry, Have On
Antonyms: Doff
 As soon as the two ladies had passed him, the old gentleman quickly donned his hat back on his head.
- **Dormant** (adj) (ڈورمانٹ) Inactive, Lethargic, Latent
Synonyms: Suppressed, Quiescent, Sluggish
Antonyms: Alert, Active
 The volcano had remained dormant for over a hundred years, and most people thought it will never burst again.

- **Dossier** (n) (ڈوسیر) File of documents on a subject
Synonyms: Record, Database, Report
 He clearly remembers putting the dossier containing all the documents in his briefcase, but now he cannot seem to find it.
- **Dotage** (n) (ڈوٹیج) Senility and mental weakness, feebleness of mind as a result of old age
Synonyms: Elderliness, Fatuity, Imbecility
Antonyms: Childhood, Strength, Vigour
 Showing clear signs of dotage, my grandfather was looking for his spectacles that were resting on the bridge of his nose.
- **Doughty** (adj) (ڈاؤٹی) Valiant, brave, bold, dauntless
Synonyms: Intrepid, Spirited, Feisty
Antonyms: Pathetic, Shabby, Feeble
 She has been a doughty campaigner for animal rights for several years now, often going to ridiculous extents to make her point in the society.
- **Dour** (adj) (ڈور) Stern, severe
Synonyms: Inflexible, Grim
Antonyms: Bright, Cheerful, Happy
 In contrast to the reticent and dour principal of the school, who was a strict disciplinarian, the new music teacher was full of mirth and laughter, often seen joking with the students on the school lawns.
- **Douse** (v) (ڈاؤس) To drench a body in a liquid
Synonyms: Drench, Immerse, Souse
Antonyms: Dry, Waterless
 To give a realistic touch to the movie, they doused the brand new Mercedes in petrol and set it on fire.
- **Dovetail** (n & v) (ڈوئیٹیل) Join together, combine neatly
Synonyms: Conform, Harmonise, Interlock
Antonyms: Disconnect, Disunite, Unlink
 Under the effective leadership of the former senator, the company was able to dovetail its own operations with those of the smaller company it had taken over without having to lay off any employee.
- **Dowdy** (n & adj) (ڈاؤدی) Untidy and unattractive, Not stylish
Synonyms: Slovenly, Dreary, Drab
Antonyms: Chic, Elegant, Attractive
 The door was opened by a dowdy old woman, wearing rather ill-fitting clothes and having oily, unkempt hair.
- **Downcast** (adj) (ڈاؤنکاسٹ) 1. Directed downwards 2. Dejected
Synonyms: Crestfallen, Daunted, Woebegone, Depressed
Antonyms: Happy, Heartened, Satisfied
 1. They stood with their eyes downcast as their instructor scolded them for their sloppiness on the field.
 2. I found him quite downcast at not having got through the interview; I knew that he was desperately looking for a job.

- I cannot listen to your senseless drivel about the virtues of being patient; I do not have the time for it!
- Droll** (*Adj. & n*) (مضحک، غریب، عجیب) Odd and amusing, Comical, Queer and meant to provoke laughter
Synonyms: Amusing Comical, Quaint
Antonyms: Humourless, Sombre
 He watched the proceedings at the amusement park with a droll expression on his face, wondering whether the animals in the park would also be amused by the queer antics of the humans who visited the park.
- Drone** (*n & v*) (گھنسنے والا، گھنر) A low continuous noise that does not change its tone
 2. Person who is lazy
Synonyms: Murnur, Purr, Whirr, Loafer, Lounger, Parasite
Antonyms: Quiet, Silence, Overachiever, Workaholic
 The lecturer went on talking about the technical subject in such a drone that almost everyone in the class was feeling sleepy.
- Dross** (*n*) (مفل، مفل) Waste matter, Worthless impurities
Synonyms: Rubbish, Garbage, Gobbledygook
Antonyms: Functional, Supportive
 Even though the number of TV channels and programs have drastically gone up in the last few years, most of what they show is pure dross.
- Drudgery** (*n*) (پیار، مشقت) Menial work
Synonyms: Hard Work, Travail, Workout
Antonyms: Blessing, Ease, Favour
 Electronic information retrieval will remove much of the drudgery of research and leave time for the more interesting work.
- Dubious** (*adj.*) (مشکوک، مشتبہ) Questionable, Filled with doubt
Synonyms: Unconvinced, Hesitant, Doubtful
 Don't even think of going to that doctor, he had a very dubious reputation—some people say that all his degrees are forged.
- Dulcet** (*adj.*) (سریلا، خوش آہنگ) Sweet, Soothing
Synonyms: Melodious, Pleasant, Honeyed
Antonyms: Harsh, Callous, Inconsiderate
 She sang a pleasant melody in her dulcet voice, enchanting everyone present at the party.
- Dumbfound** (*v*) (گم سم کر دینا، خاموش کرنا) Strike dumb
Synonyms: Confound, Astonish, Flabbergast
Antonyms: Bore, Calm, Expect
 The teacher was dumbfounded when she saw the student standing on the table in front of the class.
- Dunce** (*n*) (کند ذہن، احمق) Person slow at learning
Synonyms: Dullard, Blockhead, Dimwit
Antonyms: Brainy, Genius
 He was such a dunce in school that it's really hard to believe that he has got admission into Harvard University.

- **Dupe** (n & v) (ساده لوح، بے خوف بٹا) 1. Someone easily fooled. 2. To cheat someone
Synonyms: Deceive, Hoodwink, Gullible
Antonyms: Streetwise, Escort
 The company had a vicious plan of duping thousands of innocent villagers of their hard-earned, meagre savings by showing them illusions of enormous returns on their investments.
- **Duplicity** (n) (مناقت، فریب) Trickery, deceitfulness, double-dealing, dishonesty
Synonyms: Chicanery, Subterfuge
Antonyms: Forthrightness, Trustworthiness
 His duplicity became evident when we found out that the company he had been talking about existed only on paper.
- **Duress** (n) (جبر، مجبوری) Forcible restraint, especially unlawfully
 The accused claimed that he had been forced to signed the contract under duress, and that he had no intention of getting into the deal.
- **Dwindle** (v) (کم ہونا، کم ہوتا) Become gradually smaller, Shrink, Reduce
Antonyms: Increase
 With the passage of time, my interest in the project dwindled as things were not moving in the direction I had imagined they would.
- **Dynamic** (adj & n) (مہم، سرگرم) Energetic, Vigorously active
 I remember him as a young and dynamic manager who was ever ready to take on any challenge, and was always bubbling with enthusiasm.

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST

SYNONYMS

1. **Debauched**
 (a) Unscrupulous
 (c) Encumber
2. **Decry**
 (a) Vigorous
 (c) Belittle
3. **Degradation**
 (a) Develop
 (c) Humiliation
4. **Denouement**
 (a) Commencement
 (c) Portray
5. **Dour**
 (a) Inflexible
 (c) Baulk
6. **Deterrent**
 (a) Disincentive
 (c) Provocation

- (b) Strengthen
- (d) None of these
- (b) Axiomatic
- (d) None of these
- (b) Arid
- (d) None of these
- (b) Cessation
- (d) None of these
- (b) Bright
- (d) None of these
- (b) Incitement
- (d) None of these

7. **Disingenuous**
 (a) Straightforward
 (c) Predisposed
8. **Debauched**
 (a) Purified
 (c) Fortify
9. **Default**
 (a) Evade
 (c) Perfection
10. **Deft**
 (a) Immature
 (c) Dexterous
11. **Demean**
 (a) Boost
 (c) Frenzied
12. **Docile**
 (a) Teachable
 (c) Tractable
13. **Diva**
 (a) Leading Lady
 (c) Eulogise
14. **Détente**
 (a) Hostility
 (c) Tabulate

- (b) Insincere
- (d) None of these
- (b) Depraved
- (d) None of these
- (b) Fusion
- (d) None of these
- (b) Depreciate
- (d) None of these
- (b) Humiliate
- (d) None of these
- (b) Truculent
- (d) None of these
- (b) Villain
- (d) None of these
- (b) Tranquillity
- (d) None of these

ANTONYMS

ANSWERS

1.	a	2.	c	3.	c	4.	b	5.	a
6.	a	7.	b	8.	a	9.	c	10.	a
11.	a	12.	b	13.	b	14.	a		

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- **Earthy (Adj.)** (مٹی کا، مٹیالا) 1. Of or like earth 2. Unrefined, Coarse, Impolite
Synonyms: Indelicate, Lowbred, Lusty, Mundane, Natural
Antonyms: Cultured, Elegant, Refined
 1. Salma prefers to adorn herself in earthy colours such as greens and browns.
 2. Shahid is unpopular because he uses earthy and vulgar language.
- **Ebb (v)** (گھٹنا، رو بہ انحطاط ہونا) Become gradually lower or weaker
Synonyms: Recede, Retreat, Fade, Weaken
Antonyms: Advance, Progress
 As he grew older and more mature, his childishness slowly ebbed away.
- **Ebullient (Adj.)** (جوشیلا، پہ جوش) Full of high spirits, bubbling over with enthusiasm or excitement
Synonyms: Vivacious, Enthusiastic, Buoyant, Effervescent
Antonyms: Apathetic, Disinterested, Unenthusiastic
 Usman was in a happy and ebullient mood after receiving the most prestigious award in his school.
- **Ebullition (n)** (ابال، جوش، جوشیلا پن) Act, process or state of boiling or bubbling up. Also any agitation or excitement
Synonyms: Effervescence, Bubbling, Frothing, Sparkling
 There was an ebullition of violence on the streets as a result of a major dispute between the two religious sects.
- **Eccentric (Adj.)** (انوکھا، نرالا، عام روش سے ہٹ کر) Something that is out of the usual or socially accepted, unconventional
Synonyms: Unconventional, Strange, Extraordinary, Outlandish
Antonyms: Conventional, Usual
 The old man is known for his eccentric habit of sporting the most unusual and peculiar clothes.
- **Ecclesiastical, Ecclesiastic (Adj.)** (کلیسائی، پادری سے متعلق) Of or relating to the church or god, that which is not bound by the constraints of earthly parameters.
Synonyms: Church, Priestly, Religious
Antonyms: Temporal, Secular
 1. The ecclesiastical history Rome is of great importance in the study of Christianity.
 2. Having pursued material and commercial gains all his life, he has now focussed his attention on spiritual and ecclesiastic pursuits after handing over the reins of his business to his only daughter.
- **Eclectic (Adj.)** (مختلج) Composed of elements drawn from disparate sources
Synonyms: Assorted, Diverse, Miscellaneous, Sundry
Antonyms: Dogmatic, Uniform

- The master composer has drawn inspiration from a variety of eclectic sources – from the folk music of Pakistan to the rhythms of Persian music.
- **Eclipse (n)** (گھٹن، گرہن) Loss of fame, power, success etc., Decline
Synonyms: Decline, Diminution, Nadir, Conceal, Weak
Antonyms: Illuminate, Lighten
 At the party, Maria's beauty was eclipsed by her sister's accomplishments as the latter was the most sought after at the party.
- **Eclipse (v)** (سایہ ڈالنا، گھٹنا) To do or be much better than; cause to seem less important, clever, famous etc. by comparison
Synonyms: Decline, Shrink, Nadir, Conceal, Weaken
Antonyms: Illuminate, Lighten
 At the party, Mary's beauty was eclipsed by her sister's accomplishments as the latter was the most sought after at the party.
- **Ecologist (n)** (ماہر ماحولیات) A person concerned with the interrelationship between living organisms and their environment
Synonyms: Environmentalist, Naturalist, Biologist, Conservationist
Antonyms: Chemist, Physicist
 Botanists have described the merciless cutting of trees as a massive ecological loss.
- **Economy (n)** (کسی شے کا دانش مندانہ یا کلفت شعارانہ استعمال) Efficiency or conciseness in using something
Synonyms: Wealth, Capital, Financial System
Antonyms: Dissipation
 Ever since the consumer markets have taken a plunge, most companies are trying to economize on their functioning so as to cut costs and increase profits.
- **Ecstasy (n)** (وجہ، فرط طرب) An overwhelming feeling of happiness
Synonyms: Animation, Jubilation, Ecstasy, Cheerfulness, Gratification
Antonyms: Exhaustion, Fatigue
 Sadia was ecstatic on being voted as the prettiest girl of her college.
- **Ecumenical (Adj.)** (عالمگیر، عمومی) Of or pertaining to the whole, Christian church. Also, universal
Synonyms: Comprehensive, Cosmic, Universal, Worldwide
Antonyms: Particular, Meticulous
 That would be an ecumenical matter.
- **Edacious (Adj.)** (پٹہ پٹہ خور) Greedy or very fond of eating
Synonyms: Voracious, Ravenous, Insatiable, Gluttonous, Avaricious
Antonyms: Satiated, Charitable, Generous
 Ateeq's obesity can be ascribed to his edaciousness and his capacity to consume large quantities of food at a time.
- **Eddy (n & v)** (مجنور، گرداب) Swirling current of water, air etc. Hence, to move round-and-round
Synonyms: Swirl, Tide, Vortex, Whirlpool
 The cyclone caused serious destruction as it eddied around the village in a whirling motion.

- **Edict (n)** (فرمان شاهی، حکم نامہ) An official order
Synonyms: Decree, Proclamation, Statute, Diktat
Antonyms: Recall, Reversal
 The Mayor passed an edict prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in public places.
- **Edifice (n)** (عربی: بَیْنُ الْمَدَارِ) A large building or constructed structure
Synonyms: Building, Structure, Skyscraper, Construction
Antonyms: Land, Plain
 The sprawling museum of Louvre is one the most remarkable edifices of Paris.
- **Edify (v)** (اَعْلَیٰ: اِصْلَاح کرنا) To instruct or benefit, especially spiritually or morally. Be an uplifting influence upon
Synonyms: Educate, Enlighten, Improve, Teach, Uplift
Antonyms: Confuse, Delude, Mislead, Obscure
 Attending the spiritual conference has proved to be a most edifying experience for her as she has learned to remain calm and unnerved even in stressful situations.
- **Educe (v)** (برونے کا رونا، کھینچنا) To draw out something latent or hidden
Synonyms: Elicit, Draw, Conclude, Extract, Obtain
Antonyms: Create, Invent
 Participating in the talent contest educed the special capabilities of Jamal who is otherwise a reserved person.
- **Eerie (Adj.)** (بھانک، خوفناک) Dangerous and unfamiliar, Weird so as to evoke fear
Synonyms: Eldritch, Unusual, Ethereal, Sinister
Antonyms: Commonplace, Usual
 The strange and scary sounds coming from the jungle created an eerie atmosphere in the camp.
- **Efface (v)** (دگر کر مٹانا، نوکرتا) Rub out, Remove the surface of
Synonyms: Obliterate, Delete, Destroy, Eliminate, Expunge
Antonyms: Approve, Arrange, Establish, Permit
 She could never really efface the memory of that horrible existence from her mind, as that fateful evening continued to haunt her till her last days.
- **Effectual (Adj.)** (کارگر، مؤثر) Able to produce a desired effect, Effective
Synonyms: Efficient, Proficient, Potent, Professional
Antonyms: Ineffectual, Incapable
 Measures to provide employment have not been very effectual as nearly one-third of the town's population is still jobless.
- **Effeminate (Adj.)** (زنانہ، عورت نما) Not manly, womanish, feminine
Synonyms: Epicene, Feminine, Womanish, Womanlike
Antonyms: Virile, Manly, Masculine
 Ali Salim's effeminate ways and high-pitched voice have made him the laughingstock of the office.

- **Effervescent (Adj.)** (جوش بھرا) Full of life, Bubbling with enthusiasm
Synonyms: Vivacious, Enthusiastic, Buoyant, Vibrant
Antonyms: Apathetic, Disinterested, Unenthusiastic
 Her joviality and effervescence can instantly raise the spirits of a dejected person.
- **Effete (Adj.)** (ضعیف، ناتوان، ناکارہ) Having lost its vitality, creativity or strength. Also, incapable of further production.
Synonyms: Sterile, Barren, Degenerated, Enervated, Obsolete
Antonyms: Productive, Useful, Working
 Having been extensively cultivated for years, the farmer's land has now become effete and can no longer sustain him.
- **Efficacious (Adj.)** (مؤثر، کارگر، جرب) Producing the desired result
Synonyms: Effectual, Efficient, Fruitful, Thriving
Antonyms: Bungling, Unproductive
 The medicine prescribed by the junior doctor proved to be efficacious and relieved him off his pain immediately.
- **Effigy (n)** (پتلا، صورت) Human figure made of wood, paper etc
Synonyms: Figure, Icon, Model, Puppet, Mannequin, Statue
Antonyms: Original, Entry, Being
 A wooden effigy of the Traitor was burnt in the market place by the angry masses.
- **Efflorescence (n)** (پھول کھلنے، پاشگوذ پھوٹنے کا عمل) The period or action of developing of flowers on a plant
Synonyms: Blooming, Flowering, Sprouting Zenith, Pinnacle
Antonyms: Autumn, Deteriorating
 February is the efflorescent season after which the tulips are in full bloom and its fields are open to tourists.
- **Effluent (n)** (روان، جاری) Discharge of waste liquid matter, sewage
Synonyms: Sewage, Discharge, Overspill, Manure
Antonyms: Useful
 Harmful effluent is flowing out of the drains of chemical factories and pouring into our rivers.
- **Effrontery (n)** (دیردلی، بے فیرتی، جسالتی) Rudeness without any sense of shame
Synonyms: Audacity, Arrogant, Temerity, Impudence, Gall.
Antonyms: Shyness, Bashfulness, Introversion
 Everyone is aware of Ayesha's effrontery and hence do not ever expect an apology from her for her uncivil behaviours.
- **Effulgent (Adj.)** (درخشان، تابان، چمکدار) Shining brilliantly
Synonyms: Radiant, Glowing, Dazzling.
Antonyms: Dull, Miserable, Dejected
 The trophy won by our team appeared more magnificent and effulgent in the rays of the sun.
- **Effusive (Adj.)** (بے تکلف، بے جوش، بے تکلف) Showing too much feeling
Synonyms: Emotional, Fanatical, Immoderate, Vociferous, Fussy
Antonyms: Reserved, Reserved

We were rather taken aback by Amanat's effusiveness when he burst into tears of joy on meeting us after a long time.

- **Egalitarian (Adj.)** (۱۰) (فلسفہ جو انسانی مساوات پر مبنی رکھتا ہے) Having the belief that all people are equal, Believing in equal rights for all
Synonyms: *Uncensored, Democratic, Classless, Equal*
Antonyms: *Repressive, Exploitive*
 Adrian Wali is an ardent egalitarian involved in a constant battle against discrimination between castes and sexes.
- **Egoism (n)** (انیت، خود پندگی) Excessive interest in oneself, Thinking only of personal interests, Selfishness
Synonyms: *Arrogance, Haughtiness, Boastfulness, Selfishness*
Antonyms: *Altruism, Humility, Selflessness*
 Hanu's egoistic nature surfaced when he picked out the ripest berries for him to eat and left the rest for his little brother.
- **Egotism (n)** (انیت، خود پندگی) Talking too much about oneself, Belief that one is superior to all others
Synonyms: *Boastfulness, Bragging, Self-Aggrandisement, Vainglory*
Antonyms: *Humbleness, Humility, Modesty, Shyness, Timidity*
 She is unpopular for her egotistic habits of constantly boasting about her achievements in academic and sports.
- **Egregious (Adj.)** (تائید شدہ خصوصیات کی وجہ سے ممتاز) Standing apart (usually in a negative sense); Conspicuous for a bad quality.
Synonyms: *Flagrant, Shameless, Blatant, Immodest, Unabashed*
Antonyms: *Shy, Hesitant*
 She was egregious in her pink gown at the party where everyone was dressed in red.
- **Egress (n)** (روائی کا حق، خروج) Act or Right of going out or leaving, Exit
Synonyms: *Departure, Exit, Departure, Gate*
Antonyms: *Ingress, Entrance*
 The hurried egress of the crowd from the theatre after the show was rather chaotic.
- **Egret (n)** (سفید بگلا) A large, long-legged, white-feathered water bird
 The egret at the zoo were as beautiful as the flamingos and the Siberian cranes.
- **Elated (Adj.)** (سرور، شادمانی) Overjoyed, In high spirits
Synonyms: *Ecstatic, Thrilled, Euphoric, Jubilant, In seventh heaven*
Antonyms: *Crestfallen, Dejected, Disconsolate*
 The team was elated after winning the match with a narrow margin.
- **Eldritch (Adj.)** (میراثہ، مافوق الفطرت) Weird, Unnatural and fearsome
Synonyms: *Hideous, Eerie, Supernatural, Uncanny*
Antonyms: *Natural, Earthly*
 Lady Macbeth, in William Shakespeare's Macbeth, is as eldritch as the witches portrayed in the play.

- **Elegy (n)** (نوحہ، مرثیہ) A poem of lamentation for the dead or for something lost
Synonyms: *Dirge, Threnody*
 Elton John wrote a touching elegy for Princess Diana after her death in a car accident.
- **Elicit (v)** (بکھڑکانا، نکالنا) Draw out (information, facts etc.) by discussion
Synonyms: *Educe, Draw, Conclude, Extract, Obtain*
Antonyms: *Create, Invent*
 The president elicits the opinions of his ministers to be able to pass fair laws.
- **Elixir (n)** (اکسیر، کیمیا) Something with magical powers to cure
Synonyms: *Panacea, Cure-all, Philosopher's stone, Solution*
 No ointment, no balm could cure the pain in his arm, but the touch of her soft hand proved to be an elixir for the pain.
- **Ellipsis (n)** (حذف عبارت) Omission of words from a text or from a sentence, esp. without disturbing the meaning
Synonyms: *Adumbration, Bathos, Communication, Conceit, Metonymy, Simile*
 With intelligent use of ellipsis he condensed his long-drawn essay into a short and precise one.
- **Elliptical (Adj.)** (بیضی) 1. Oval (as in an elliptical orbit) 2. Having an implied meaning and hence difficult to understand (usu. speech or written text)
Synonyms: *Ellipsoidal, Oblong, Ovoid, Rectangle*
Antonyms: *Even, Straight*
 1. The earth does not follow a circular, but an elliptical path in its revolution around the sun.
 2. The unfamiliar forms used by Picasso make his paintings rather elliptical and hence, confusing to the common man.
- **Elope (v)** (بھاگ جانا) To run away secretly with the intention of getting married
Synonyms: *Decamp, Disappear, Escape, Go Secretly, Go to Gretna Green*
Antonyms: *Capture, Remain, Stay*
 Saba chose to elope with her lover as her parents were against their marriage.
- **Eloquence (n)** (فصاحت، بلاغت) Expressiveness, Persuasive speech
Synonyms: *Articulation, Perspicuity, Grandiloquence, Oration, Volubility*
Antonyms: *Dullness, Inarticulateness*
 She is an eloquent speaker and thus, will make a good lawyer.
- **Elucidate (v)** (دانش، تشریح کرنا) Explain, Clarify
Synonyms: *Explicate, Expound, Annotate, Gloss, Illuminate*
Antonyms: *Obfuscate, Confuse, Distract, Obscure*
 The professor elucidated upon the theory by giving simple examples.
- **Elusive (Adj.)** (بہم، مفالے میں ڈالنے والا) Difficult to find or remember
Synonyms: *Intangible, Indescribable, Obscure, Mysterious, Subtle*
Antonyms: *Effortless, Undemanding, Unproblematic*

He's been elusive ever since he joined his new job as he is constantly travelling from one city to another.

- **Emaciated** (Adj.) (لاغر، سوکھا، دوا) Thin and wasted, esp. from hunger or illness
Synonyms: Wasted, Withered, Shrunken, Gaunt
Antonyms: Stout, Corpulent
She has begun to look emaciated and weak after the frequent bouts of fever, which have killed her appetite.

- **Emanate** (v) (نکلنا، برآمد کرنا) To come out from (of something non-material)
Synonyms: Originate, Stem, Spring, Radiate, Exude
Antonyms: Absorb
Strange rumours emanate from the idle gossips of the two old women in our neighbourhood.

- **Emancipate** (v) (آزادی دلانا، رہائی دلانا) To set free, e.g. from bondage or from a country, to free from legal, social, political or moral restraint
Synonyms: Liberate, Unshackle, Unchain, Unfetter
Antonyms: Enslave, Enchain
The slaves were overwhelmed by their emancipation from imprisonment after nine years.

- **Emasculate** (v) (ضعف کرنا، ناتوان کرنا) To take away all the strength and weakness from
Synonyms: Alter, Debilitate, Devitalize, Enervate, Impoverish, Vitiate
Antonyms: Aid, Assist, Help
The Egyptian Pharaohs tortured and emasculated the slaves reducing them to the plane of lowly creatures.

- **Embargo** (n & v) (پابندی، اشخاص، ممانعت) Ban on commerce or other activity
Synonyms: Moratorium, Prohibition, Impediment, Ban, Restriction
Antonyms: Allow, Permit
The government has decided to lift the embargo on wheat imports from Europe to deal with the shortage of grains in the country.

- **Embark** (v) (کشتی میں بارود یا گاڑ کر لے جانا) Commence, Go on board a boat or airplane
Synonyms: Commence, Emplane, Enter, Entrain
Antonyms: Disembark, Stay
1. Jamil embarked on a career only after completing his graduation from the Punjab University.
2. We embarked the aircraft at Karachi and disembarked at Lahore after three hours.

- **Embed** (v) (جھانکا، گاڑ دینا) Enclose, Place firmly in something
Synonyms: Implant, Entrench, Insert, Ensnare, Lodge, Ingrain
Antonyms: Remove, Take
We embedded seashells in the sand all around our sandcastle.

- **Embellish** (v) (سجاوٹ دینا) To beautify by adding ornamental features
Synonyms: Adorn, Elaborate, Festoon, Garnish, Magnify, Ornament
Antonyms: Disfigure, Mar, Simplify, Spoil
Her ordinary white hat looked beautiful after being embellished with pink roses.

- **Embezzle** (v) (خورد برد کرنا) To steal money that has been placed in one's care
Synonyms: Abstract, Defalcate, Forge, Loot, Misappropriate, Pilfer
Antonyms: Compensate, Reimburse, Return
After the theft, Tanveer resigned from the post of treasurer on being falsely accused of embezzlement.

- **Embrace** (v & n) (گمے، ملا، بغل گیر کرنا) Hug, Adopt or espouse, Accept readily, Encircle
Synonyms: Clasp, Encircle, Enfold, Grasp, Wrap
Antonyms: Release
1. She embraced her son gently to make him feel secure. 2. She gave up Christianity and embraced Islam after marrying Imran.
2. She gave up Christianity and embraced Islam after marrying Jamil.

- **Embrocation** (n) (مساج، ماش، لپ) Liquid for rubbing on the body to relieve aches
Synonyms: Liniment, Analgesic, Balsam, Emollient, Ointment
Antonyms: Tablets, Pills
Anisa was relieved from pain after applying a soothing embrocation on her sprained ankle.

- **Embroider** (v) (کشیہ کاری کرنا) Decorate with needlework, Ornament with fancy or fictitious details
Synonyms: Beautify, Decorate, Embellish, Ornament, Pattern
Antonyms: Deface, Disfigure, Mar
1. She used colourful threads and embroidered her handkerchief with flowers.
2. Ali embroidered the truth with such exaggerations that it eventually became a lie.

- **Embroil** (v) (جھگڑا کھڑا کر کے گڑبڑ پھیلانا) Throw into confusion, Involve in an argument or any difficult situation
Synonyms: Confuse, Encumber, Enmesh, Implicate, Incriminate, Perplex
Antonyms: Exclude, Elucidate
While trying to resolve the fight between the two teams the referee himself got embroiled in their quarrel.

- **Embryonic** (Adj.) (جنینی، نام نہاد) Undeveloped, In a very early stage of growth
Synonyms: Rudimentary, Developing, Evolving, Immature, Incipient
Antonyms: Developed, Grown, Mature
Poultry farms place the eggs into incubators to hasten the growth of the embryo into chicken.

- **Emend** (v) (غلطیوں سے پاک کرنا) To take the mistakes out of a text before it is printed
Synonyms: Edit, Emendate, Improve, Polish, Rectify
Antonyms: Diminish, Harm
Fareed has a tendency to make spelling errors and thus carefully emends the articles he writes for the school magazine.

- **Emeritus (Adj.)** (ریٹائرڈ) Retired from active service but retained in an honorary position.
Synonyms: Elderly, Emeritus, In Retirement, Resigned, Superannuated
Antonyms: Active, Employed, Working
After retirement Sarfraz was retained in the university as an emeritus professor because of his vast teaching experience and also because of the unavailability of good teachers in his subject.
- **Emetic (Adj.)** (مُؤذِر) Causing vomiting, any substance that induces vomiting
Synonyms: Cathartic, Purgative, Laxative, Physic
The child had accidentally swallowed a metallic key ring, so the doctor quickly administered him an emetic so as to make him vomit it.
- **Eminent (Adj.)** (مشہور، ممتاز) Famous and admired, Distinguished
Synonyms: Renowned, Illustrious, Recognised, Legendary, Prominent
Antonyms: Notorious, Infamous, Tarnished
Matthew is an eminent doctor renowned for successfully treating several patients for cancer.
- **Eminently (Adv)** (انتہائی سطح پر) Perfectly
Synonyms: Exceptionally, Conspicuously, Outstandingly, Prominently, Surpassingly
Antonyms: Trivially, Unremarkably
The judge's decision in favour of the assaulted victim was eminently fair.
- **Emissary (n)** (سفارت کار، پیغامبر) Agent, Messenger
Synonyms: Agent, Ambassador, Delegate, Envoy
Antonyms: Receiver, Sender
During times of war, the most trusted officials are appointed as emissaries for transfer of messages between the home country and the battle grounds.
- **Emollient (n)** (سکون بخشنے والا) Soothing or softening, esp. to the skin.
Hence, anything that soothes
Synonyms: Balsamic, Demulcent, Healing, Lenitive, Palliative
Antonyms: Irritating, Fierce, Harsh,
It's paradoxical that while the sting of the honey bee can be so painful, the honey it produces acts as an effective emollient for dry and parched skin.
- **Empathy (n)** (ہم آسانی، ہم گزاری) Ability to identify with another's feelings, ideas etc.
Synonyms: Understanding, Rapport, Recognition, Sympathy, Warmth
Antonyms: Apathy, Misunderstanding, Indifference
Having been through a trauma of similar kind, I could well empathise with her.
- **Empirical (Adj.)** (تجربہ اور مشاہدے پر مبنی) Based on experience and observations, not on bookish facts
Synonyms: Experimental, factual, observed, pragmatic, provisional
Antonyms: Hypothetical, Speculative, Theoretical
Having extensively travelled himself, Albert is the right person to offer wise and empirical advice on camping and trekking.

- **Empyrean (Adj.)** (عرش بریں) Heavenly, Celestial
Synonyms: Heavenly, Celestial, Cosmos, Ether, Heavenly
Antonyms: Earthly, Material
And he ascended to the empyrean, where he was closest to God.
- **Emulate (v)** (نقل کرنے، ریس کرنا) Imitate, to try to do as well as (or better than) another person
Synonyms: Challenge, Compete, Mimic, Mirror, Outvie
Antonyms: Abandon, Desert, Leave, Retreat
At the college festival in which he emulated the Zardari, was applauded with cheers.
- **Enamoured (Adj.)** (گرویدہ، مسحور، شیدا) Blindly in love, Charmed
Synonyms: Fascinated, Spellbound, Captivated, Mesmerised
Antonyms: Unenthusiastic, Apathetic, Lukewarm
Rabia was so enamoured by her fiancé that she completely overlooked the flaws in his character.
- **Encephalic (Adj.)** (ذہنی، دماغی) Of pertaining to, the brain.
Meningitis is an encephalic disease caused by the inflammation of the membranes enveloping the brain.
- **Encipher (v)** (حرف کو خفیہ انداز میں تحریر کرنا) Encode, Convert a message into code
Synonyms: Encode, Programme, Fix
Antonyms: Decipher, Decode
For security reasons, most of the secret formulae developed recently in our laboratory have been enciphered into cryptic symbols.
- **Enclave (n)** (مخصوص جگہ) Territory enclosed within an alien land, any enclosed area
Synonyms: Bailiwick, Command, Territory, Domain
Antonyms: Outside
The new supermarket is located in an enclave within the marketplace.
- **Encomium (n)** (تقدیر، مدح) Expression of high praise
Synonyms: Eulogy, Accolade, Salutation, Tribute
Antonyms: Criticism, Denunciation, Insult
Abdul Sattar Edhi is worthy of the worldwide recognition and all the encomium he received for his welfare works.
- **Encompass (v)** (گھیرنا، احاطہ کرنا) Surround
Synonyms: Surround, Circumscribe, Circle, Compass, Encircle, Envelop
Antonyms: Free, Loose, Open
The institute's activities encompass academics as well as a variety of sports.
- **Encroach (v)** (تجاوز کرنا) Intrude, to take more than what is justified
Synonyms: Impinge, Intrude, Trespass, Attack, Invade
Antonyms: Leave, Withdraw
The balcony of his new home encroached on his neighbour's land and thus had to be demolished.

- **Encumber (v)** (مزاحمت ہونا، جانک ہونا) Burden. to make action or movement difficult
Synonyms: Discommode, Embarrass, Hamper, Obstruct, Oppress
Antonyms: Aid, Assist, Help
The company's performance is poor as it is encumbered with heavy liabilities incurred during times of recession.
- **Endearment (n)** (عجوبیت، پیار، محبت) An expression of fondness and love
Synonyms: Attachment, Affection, Fondness, Love
Antonyms: Dislike, Hate
To the amusement of all present at the party, she visibly blushed as her fiancé whispered sweet endearments into her ear.
- **Endemic (Adj.)** (مخصوص القدم مرض یا مخصوص الملک مرض) Peculiar to a country or class of people, commonly found in a specified area or people
Synonyms: Widespread, Prevalent, General, Rampant
Antonyms: Pandemic, Epidemic
Freckles are small patches of pigmented skin endemic to blonde and redheaded people.
- **Endorse (v)** (توثیق کرنا) Approve, Support
Synonyms: Carry, Endorse, Consent, Sanction
Antonyms: Disapprove, Condemn
After reading Javeria's impressive resume, the manager endorsed her application for the post of secretary.
- **Endure (v)** (برداشت کرنا) To bear hardships for a long period of time, Survive under adversity
Synonyms: Bear, Tolerate, Suffer, Undertake, Maintain
Antonyms: Succumb, Surrender
Ever since the floods destroyed the crops, our family has endured very troubled times.
- **Energise (v)** (جان ڈالنا، فعال بنانا) Invigorate, Make forceful and active
Synonyms: Rejuvenate, Encourage, Animate, Reinforce, Enhance
Antonyms: Depreciate, Depress
The cool and refreshing orange juice energized the football players for the second half of the game.
- **Enervate (v)** (تواناں کرنا، ہمت پست کرنا) To deprive of nerve, force or strength
Synonyms: Unnerve, Debilitate, Enfeeble
Antonyms: Invigorate, Fortify
The students were enervated and weary after the history examination, which was tough as well as lengthy.
- **Enfranchise (v)** (حق رائے دہی، حق شہریت دینا) To admit to the rights of citizenship (especially the right to vote)
Synonyms: Emancipate, Empower, Manumit, Naturalise
Antonyms: Enslave, Bind
The Javed's family was enfranchised citizenship five years after migrating to America.

- **Engender (v)** (پیدا کرنا) Cause, Produce
Synonyms: Provoke, Stimulate, Excite, Foment, Generate
Antonyms: Destroy, Finish, Halt
Religious sects are meant to engender peace amongst the people instead of which they create only disharmony.
- **Engross (v)** (بذبح کرنا، شہک ہونا) Occupy fully, Absorb
Synonyms: Bewitch, Captivate, Consume, Engage, Engulf, Enrapture, Enthral
Antonyms: Forget, Ignore, Reject
He was so engrossed in preparing for his speech that he even forgot to eat.
- **Enhance (v)** (بڑھانا، اضافہ کرنا) Increase, Improve
Synonyms: Augment, Elevate, Embroider, Magnify, Strengthen
Antonyms: Minimise, Reduce, Worsen
Passing the examination with flying colours has enhanced Usman's chances of getting a good job.
- **Enigma (n)** (مہر، رمز، پیکل) Puzzle, Mystery, Anything that is difficult to understand
Synonyms: Bewilderment, Conundrum, Perplexity, Sphinx, Twister
Antonyms: Known, Understanding
Despite the security, the thief's ability to break into the museum without being caught remains an enigma to the police.
- **Enjoin (v)** (ہدایت کرنا، تاکید کرنا) 1. To command or direct with authority, 2. To forbid or prohibit
Synonyms: Prohibit, Proscribe, Direct, Instruct
Antonyms: Request, Appeal, Call
1. The teacher enjoined him to take tutorials to bring up his falling grades in mathematics.
2. The sheriff enjoined him from trading, as his license was illegal.
- **Enmesh (v)** (جال میں پکڑنا، پھانسا) To catch as if in a net
Synonyms: Entwine, Entangle, Ensnare, Kink
Antonyms: Release, Free
Though in the beginning he did it for earning money, and thought that he would quit it, now he finds himself enmeshed in a tangle of drugs and other crimes.
- **Enmity (v)** (دشمنی، مخالفت) Ill will, Hatred
Synonyms: Hostility, Antagonism, Resentment, Aggression
Antonyms: Affection, Friendliness
The friendship between Aslam and Usman turned into enmity after their big fight over a mere dress in the mall.
- **Ennui (n)** (بیزاری، کوفت) A feeling of weariness and boredom
Synonyms: Tedium, Monotony, Dreariness
Antonyms: Excitement, Exhilaration
We were overcome with ennui after reading the same chapters again and again for the science test.

- **Enormity** (n) (شدت، عدم اعتدال) 1. An act of great wickedness 2. The quality of being very great, Hugeness
Synonyms: Atrociousness, Horror, Hugeness, Vastness, Immensity
Antonyms: Goodness, Tininess, Triviality
 1. The enormity of his crime was such that the judge had no choice but to pass a sentence of death for him.
 2. The enormity of the problem of unemployment has made it difficult for the government to handle it alone.
- **Enrapture** (v) (مغلول کرنا، شادمان کرنا) To fill with great joy
Synonyms: Captivate, Fascinate, Enthral, Mesmerise, Beguile
Antonyms: Bore, Weary, Fatigued
 The whole crowd in the stadium was enraptured by the performance of Saeed Anwar, hitting fours and sixes in almost every over.
- **Ensconce** (v) (مطمئن کرنا، چھپانا) To settle, establish or place securely and comfortably
Synonyms: Conceal, Cover, Shelter, Shield
Antonyms: Uncover, Open
 He was ensconced in a big armchair in front of the fireplace and sleeping peacefully.
- **Ensemble** (n) (پورا خاکند، ٹائٹل کا مظاہرہ ٹیم) 1. Thing viewed as a whole 2. The entire cast of a play, ballet etc.
Synonyms: Assemblage, Band, Cast, Orchestra, Organization
Antonyms: Dismember, Disintegrate
 1. All being in shades of grey, her coat, hat and shoes together made an excellent ensemble.
 2. The entire ensemble of the play including the director makes a great team and puts up marvellous performances.
- **Entail** (v) (شامل کرنا یا باعث ہونا) To make necessary, Involve
Synonyms: Necessitate, Demand, Involve, Require
Antonyms: Waive, Relinquish
 Writing a book entails a lot of research and hard work.
- **Entente** (n) (دو ملکوں کے درمیان سفارت) A friendly and mutual agreement between two countries
Synonyms: Accord, Arrangement, Deal, Pact, Settlement
Antonyms: Fight, Battle
 The two neighbouring countries signed an entente, each agreeing upon non-interference in the others internal affairs.
- **Enterprising** (Adj.) (مہمات شوروں کرنے والا، تہمتان رکھنے والا) Full of initiative
Synonyms: Innovative, Ingenious, Creative, Novel
Antonyms: Linger, Loiter
 Adnan is the most enterprising member of our club and carries out all his responsibilities very efficiently.
- **Enthral** (v) (شیفتہ کرنا، سوا لینا) To hold the complete interest and attention of someone
Synonyms: Captivate, Fascinate, Enthral, Mesmerise, Beguile
Antonyms: Bore, Weary, Fatigued

- We were so enthralled by grandmother's stories that we stayed awake listening to her all night.
- **Entice** (v) (ترغیب دینا، اکسنا) To persuade someone to do something (usu. by offering something pleasant), Attract, Tempt
Synonyms: Attract, Convince, Inveigle, Allure, Tempt
Antonyms: Dissuade, Discourage, Deter
 My friends came over with tickets for the theatre and enticed me away from the housework.
 - **Entity** (n) (وجود، ذات، ہستی) Real being
Synonyms: Body, Person, Creature, Being, Organism
Antonyms: Spirit, Ghost
 Germany was divided into two countries after the war and no longer remained one single entity.
 - **Entomology** (n) (علم حشرات الارض) Study of insects
Antonyms: Ornithology
 Entomology tells us that all insects have antennae which act as feelers and helps them search for food.
 - **Entreat** (v) (عرض کرنا، التماس کرنا) Plead, Ask earnestly
Synonyms: Beseech, Implore, Appeal, Supplicate
Antonyms: Command, Order
 The students felt guilty and entreated the teacher to forgive them for their pranks they played on her.
 - **Entrench** (v) (قدم جما، سوراخ بنی کرنا) To establish firmly in a position
Synonyms: Anchor, Confirm, Ensconce, Implant, Strengthen
Antonyms: Disestablish, Invalidate, Ruin, Unsettle
 The prime minister's entrenched political ideas and the inability to change with the times is inhibiting the growth of the nation.
 - **Entrepreneur** (n) (تسظم، تاجر، بزنس پرسن) Businessperson, Someone who takes initiative and risks for commercial gains
Synonyms: Tycoon, Mogul, Industrialist, Magnate
Antonyms: Common man
 A good entrepreneur while reaping profits has to be prepared to bear heavy losses as well.
 - **Enumerate** (v) (گننا، شمار کرنا) To name or list things one by one
Synonyms: Itemise, Catalogue, Specify, Count
Antonyms: Guess, Guesstimate, Surmise
 At the supermarket, while my friend enumerated the items on our shopping list, I kept picking them up.
 - **Enunciate** (v) (نمایاں اور واضح تلفظ کرنا) Speak or pronounce clearly and distinctly
Synonyms: Articulate, Pronounce, Vocalise, Express
Antonyms: Inarticulate, Mumbling
 An actor must be able to enunciate his lines properly so that the audience can understand him clearly.

- **Eon (n)** (زمانہ، عرصہ) A very long period of time
Synonyms: Aeon, Ages, Time Period, Years
Antonyms: Moment
The ruins of the Indus Valley civilization were excavated only after an eon of its destruction.
- **Epaulet (n)** (لباس کا گانے والا حصہ) The decorative part on the shoulder of a uniform
Synonyms: Hershey bar, Insignia of Rank, Hash mark, Overseas bar
The beautiful epaulet has added grandeur to the naval officer's uniform.
- **Ephemeral (Adj.)** (مختصر، عارضی، کم حیات) Short-lived, lasting only a day or few days
Synonyms: Transitory, Inconsistent, Temporary
Antonyms: Eternal, Permanent
Thoughtless spending on expensive clothes is only an ephemeral pleasure which does not bring long lasting joy.
- **Epic (Adj.)** (ہر شہرہ، عالی شان) Full of brave action and excitement
Synonyms: Heroic Poem, Legend, Narrative, Saga, Tale
Antonyms: Insignificant, Small
We listened intently as the mountaineers described to us their adventurous epic journey to the South Pole.
- **Epic (n)** (رز میہ، نظم) Long heroic poem or similar work of art
Synonyms: Marathon, Heroic, Blockbuster, Larger-than-life
Antonyms: Banal, Commonplace
The Play which was presented yesterday depicts the most renowned epics based on the history.
- **Epicene (Adj.)** (مشرک، الجیس، دونوں جنسوں کی خصوصیات کا حامل) Having the characters of both the sexes
Synonyms: Hermaphrodite, Ambidextrous, Bisexual, Trans-sexual
Antonyms: Heterosexual, Homosexual
The earthworm is an epicene creature, which can reproduce all by itself.
- **Epicure (n)** (خوش خوراک، شراب کا شوقین) A person having great interest in matters of taste and enjoyment particularly food and drink
Synonyms: Gourmet, Gastronome, Connoisseur, Aficionado
Antonyms: Ignoramus, Ascetic
The epicurean enjoyed every course of the long feast.
- **Epigram (n)** (ہکیت، چٹک، لطیفہ) A short, witty saying or poem
Synonyms: Witticism, Proverb, Axiom, Maxim
For Teacher's Day we composed epigrams for each of our tutors, which spoke about their personalities.
- **Epigraph (n)** (نوشتہ، کتبہ، لوح) Study of inscription on stones etc
Synonyms: Commemoration, Elegy, Monument, Remembrance
My father always signs his letters with an illegible epigraph.
- **Epilogue (n)** (ڈرامے کے اختتام پر اداکار کا تمنا سڑیوں سے خطاب) Short speech at conclusion of dramatic work
Synonyms: Conclusion, Postlude, Summation
Antonyms: Prologue

- The play concluded with an epilogue recited by the director telling us about the message delivered by the play.
- **Episcopal (Adj.)** (کلیسا سے منسوب) Of, or governed by, bishop(s)
Synonyms: Ministerial, Monastic, Papal, Parsonical
Our neighbouring town has an Episcopal government where the clergymen are authorized to maintain law and order.
 - **Episodic (Adj.)** (مثنیٰ، فردی) Loosely connected, Divided into incidents
Synonyms: Periodic, Intermittent, Sporadic, Interrupted
Antonyms: Constant, Continued
This film on the pharaohs is rather episodic and does not portray the history of ancient Egypt in a unified manner.
 - **Epistle (n)** (مراسلہ، مکتوب، خط) A letter, esp. a formal, elegant one
Synonyms: Card, Communication, Dispatch, Letter
Antonyms: Speech
In school we were taught the format for writing epistles to an editor.
 - **Epitaph (n)** (سنگ مرمر، لوح مرمر) A short statement in the memory of a dead person, usu. as an inscription on the person's gravestone
Synonyms: Commemoration, Elegy, Memorial, Monument
The epitaph inscribed on Asad's gravestone described him as a man who was admired and loved by all.
 - **Epithet (n)** (وصف، خطاب، لقب) Word or phrase characteristically used to describe a person or thing
Synonyms: Appellation, Designation, Sobriquet, Title
'Selfish' is the correct epithet that can be used to describe Sana who never shares her things with her sister.
 - **Epitome (n)** (نمژ، لب لباب) Perfect example or embodiment
Synonyms: Archetype, Embodiment, Essence, Illustration
Antonyms: Replica, Duplicate, Reproduction
She has become the epitome of good manners after her return from the finishing school.
 - **Epoch (n)** (زمانہ، عرصہ، دور) A long period of time, esp. as marked by events
Synonyms: Aeon, Ages, Time Period, Years
Antonyms: Moment
During the epoch of the Mughal rule, beautiful historical monuments were built.
 - **Equable (Adj.)** (برابر، یکساں، عادلانہ) 1. Not easily annoyed, calm (of a person) 2. Even and regular, Steady (of climate or temperature)
Synonyms: Composed, Calm, Unflappable, Level-headed
Antonyms: Stormy, Tumultuous, Turbulent
1. Sadia makes a good teacher for small children, as she is a patient and equable person.
 2. The doctor has advised her to avoid extreme temperatures and migrate to a place that has an equable climate.

- **Equanimity** (n) (دل جمعی، عینیت) Evenness of mind or temper, composure, calmness, equability
Synonyms: Levelheadedness, Assurance, Ataraxia, Steadiness, Tranquillity
Antonyms: Agitation, Demonstration, Fracas
 Zeeshan was very brave and received the bad news of his father's accident with great equanimity.
- **Equerry** (n) (برطانوی شاہی محل کا ایک افسر) Official (usu. male) of the British royal household attending to members of the royal family
Synonyms: Attendant, Bellhop, Errand Runner, Servant, Youth
Antonyms: Master
 The old butler retired after serving as an excellent equerry to royal family for twenty years.
- **Equestrian** (Adj.) (گھوڑوں یا گھڑ سواری سے متعلق) Of, or pertaining to riding on horseback
Synonyms: Broncobuster, Cavalryman, Jockey, Horse Rider
Antonyms: Pedestrian, Ambler
 Everybody knew that the king loved his horse and was fond of riding it after the death of the king, the most skilful sculptor of the country made an equestrian statue of the king.
- **Equilibrium** (n) (توازن، مناسب یا درست تعلق، مساوات) A state of balance between opposing forces
Synonyms: Steadiness, Balance, Symmetry, Permanence
Antonyms: Imbalance, Disproportion
 After a steep rise, inflation is now finally reached a state of equilibrium and goods have become less expensive.
- **Equinox** (n) (اعتدال شب و روز) Period of equal days or nights
Antonyms: Solstice
 The spring equinox is over and summer is approaching when the days will become longer and the nights shorter.
- **Equitable** (Adj.) (عادل، غیر جانبدار) Fair, Impartial
Synonyms: Unbiased, Reasonable, Impartial, Rational, Dispassionate
Antonyms: Biased, Partial
 After his death, grandfather's will revealed that he had distributed his wealth equitably between his sons.
- **Equivocal** (Adj.) (ذو معنی، مبہم) Deliberately ambiguous, questionable, Having a double or doubtful meaning
Synonyms: Ambiguous, Oblique, Evasive, Ambivalent
Antonyms: Clear, Obvious, Unambiguous
 The lawyer was very equivocal and put forth questions to the witness in a roundabout manner to get the truth out of him.
- **Ergonomics** (n) (نفسیات اور طریقہ ہائے کار کا مطالعہ) Study of work and its environment in order to achieve maximum efficiency
Synonyms: Human Engineering
 The promoters conducted an ergonomic survey before going to building a hotel at the planned site.
- **Erode** (v) (بہاے جاننا، زمین کا کٹاؤ سے متاثر ہونا) To wear or be worn away gradually
Synonyms: Corrode, Drain, Crumble, Decay
Antonyms: Construct, Fix, Rebuild
 All dwellings near the sea are being broken down because of the coast, which is gradually being eroded by the lapping waves.
- **Erratic** (Adj.) (مغلوں، طرّف) Odd, Unpredictable
Synonyms: Unpredictable, Variable, Impulsive, Inconsistent
Antonyms: Consistent, Regular
 Aisam is a very erratic tennis player whose game is never steady.
- **Erroneous** (Adj.) (غلط، حالِ اغلاط) Mistaken, Incorrect
Synonyms: Blemished, Unacceptable, Fallacious, Flawed
Antonyms: Correct, Right
 Annie misunderstood the concept for the annual play and kept giving rather erroneous ideas and suggestions to the teacher.
- **Erudite** (Adj.) (عالِم، فاضل، علامہ) Learned, Scholarly
Synonyms: Assiduous, Studious, Knowledgeable, Intellectual
Antonyms: Ignorant, Uninformed
 Ghazzali was a very erudite philosopher whose quotes are remembered and referred to by the whole world.
- **Escalate** (v) (دست دریا، بڑھانا) 1. To become more serious, intensify 2. To make or become higher or greater
Synonyms: Broaden, Enlarge, Expand, Magnify
Antonyms: Decrease, Diminish, Lessen, Weaken
 1. The government policy of mechanizing industries has only escalated unemployment.
 2. The award for the best director of the year has escalated him to a new stature altogether.
- **Escapade** (n) (کوئی ہم جہانہ عمل) A wild and dangerous act of adventure
Synonyms: Quest, Excursion, Endeavour, Adventure
Antonyms: Routine Work
 The student's escapade of jumping over the school walls and venturing into the forest has landed them into deep trouble with the principal.
- **Escapement** (n) (گھڑی کا ایک پہلو جس کے پیچھے کوئی دھڑکتا ہے) Mechanism regulating the movement of a watch or a clock
 She had to give her watch for repair as its escapement had got spoilt and it was showing the wrong time.
- **Eschew** (v) (بہیز کرنا، اجتناب کرنا) Shun or abstain from
Synonyms: Avoid, Refrain
Antonyms: Welcome
 Faheem has been eschewed from attending the party meetings after he misbehaved with the president.
- **Escritoire** (n) (دراڑدار کی میز) Writing desk with drawers etc.
Synonyms: Secretary, Bureau, Desk
Antonyms: Podium

New escritoire has been ordered for the office, as the old furniture needs desperate replacement.

- **Esculent (n)** (کھانے کے قابل) Thing fit for food
Synonyms: Comestible, Consumable, Digestible, Eatable, Edible, Palatable
Antonyms: Inedible, Uneatable, Unpalatable
 The trekkers discovered some red delicious looking berries in the forest but not being sure whether it was esculent, they did not taste them.
- **Esoteric (Adj.)** (مصرف دانشور یا مشہور لوگوں کی سمجھ میں آنے والا) Unusual, Mysterious, Known only to a select few
Synonyms: Obscure, Puzzling, Abstruse, Impenetrable, Arcaic
Antonyms: Exoteric, Enlightening
 Kashif has somewhat an esoteric taste in dress; except for her close friends, no one in the class likes the kind of dresses she puts on.
- **Espionage (n)** (جاسوسی) The act of spying
Synonyms: Reconnaissance, Intelligence, Surveillance, Spying
Antonyms: Conspiracy, Debauchery
 The soldier broke into the commando's office but was arrested for espionage before he could lay his hands on any secret information.
- **Espousal (n)** (کسی مقصد کی حمایت یا اس سے وابستگی) Adoption or support of a cause
Synonyms: Affiancing, Banns, Betrothal, Bridal, Marriage
Antonyms: Abjuration, Renunciation, Divorce
 The school children are fighting against drug abuse and have become popular all over the country for this espousal.
- **Esprit de corps (n)** (جذبہ و یکانگت) Loyalty and devotion uniting a group
Synonyms: Cooperation, Morale, Solidarity, Team spirit
Antonyms: Antagonism, Strangeness
 There is never any infighting in this religious group which is bonded by the esprit de corps they share.
- **Estrade (n)** (چوڑا ڈرائی) Raised platform
 The teacher's desk is on an estrade to enable her to view the entire class properly.
- **Estranged (Adj.)** (پچھلے ہو کر) Separated, Alienated
Synonyms: Detached, Neurotic, Split, Disturbed
Antonyms: Attached, Linked
 Once a loving couple, Sana and Nauman are now estranged due to petty differences.
- **Eternal (Adj.)** (ابدی، لازوال) Lasting forever, Without beginning or end
Synonyms: Endless, Everlasting, Infinite, Ad infinitum, Immortal
Antonyms: Ephemeral, Mortal
 The eternal beauty of nature has been and will always be the favourite subject for poets.
- **Ethereal (Adj.)** (سادی، آسانی) Of unearthly lightness and delicacy; like a spirit or a fairy
Synonyms: Otherworldly, Wraithlike, Eerie, Insubstantial, Outlandish
Antonyms: Tangible, Material

- She looked almost ethereal dressed as a fairy for the fancy dress party.
- **Ethnic (Adj.)** (گروہی، علاقائی) Relating to racial, tribal, or national group
Synonyms: Racial, Cultural, Tribal, National
Antonyms: Universal, General
 That restaurant serves delicious ethnic food and the stewards are even dressed as Afghans are.
- **Ethnology (n)** (انسانوں کے مختلف گروہوں کا مطالعہ) The scientific study of different races of human beings
Synonyms: Civilisation, Convention, Customs, Development
 Ethnology is a fascinating subject, which enlightens us about the innumerable human races existing in this world.
- **Ethos (n)** (قومی مزاج) Underlying character of a culture, group etc
Synonyms: Philosophy, Ideology, Mentality, Principles, Psyche
 This book is based on the ethos and lifestyle of the Arabians sheikhs.
- **Etiolated (Adj.)** (ریگ اثر ہوا) Seriously weakened
Synonyms: Blanch, Diminish, Enervate, Faint
Antonyms: Enhance, Improve, Recover, Strengthen
 She had a relapse of jaundice after which her liver became etiolated.
- **Etiology (n)** (علم اسباب الامراض) Study of the causes of diseases
 Etiology can tell us the causes of the common cold but no cure for it.
- **Etude (n)** (موسیقی پر مشتمل نغمہ) Short musical composition or exercise
 The musical group performed a brilliant etude that entranced the audience.
- **Eulogy (n)** (تقید، توصیف، ستائش) Expression of high praise, usu. of a person
Synonyms: Accolade, Commendation, Admiration, Approbation
Antonyms: Malignancy, Denunciation
 Our school has a eulogy dedicated to its great founder, which the students sing every day after prayers.
- **Euphemism (n)** (خوش گوئی) Mild word(s) substituted for improper or blunt ones.
Synonyms: Circumlocution, Delicacy, Grandiloquence, Pomposity, Pretence
Antonyms: Conciseness, Directness, Terseness
 Daniyal improvised on Shahid's harsh speech, prepared for the seminar by making euphemistic changes.
- **Euphony (n)** (خوش نوازی، خوش آہنگی) Pleasant or sweet sounding
Synonyms: Harmony, Accord, Melody, Rhythm, Sound
Antonyms: Cacophony, Discord
 Her voice is soft and euphonic and appealing to the ear when she sings.
- **Euphoria (n)** (احساس خوش حالی، احساس سلامتی) Feeling of great happiness, pride and excitement
Synonyms: Ecstasy, Exhilaration, Rapture, Jubilation, Joyfulness
Antonyms: Discomfort
 I was euphoric after reading the results of the talent contest, which revealed that I had stood first.

- **Evanescent (n)** (تپہ زری) Vanishing, fading from sight or senses
Synonyms: Fleeting, Fugacious, Ephemeral, Diminishing
Antonyms: Longevity, Endurance
 Once a great actress, this old woman now stays seriously ill and her past memories is almost evanescent.
- **Evasive (Adj.)** (ہٹکے) 1. Not frank and direct, hesitant to reveal the truth. 2. Intended to avoid danger
Synonyms: Ambiguous, Deceptive, Equivocating, Oblique, Prevaricating
Antonyms: Frank, Honest, Forthright
 1. She was being rather evasive and was evidently trying to protect her brother from their mother's scolding.
 2. After escaping from the kidnappers, his evasion of recapture was by seeking police protection.
- **Even-handed (Adj.)** (غیر جانبدار، کھرا) Impartial, Fair
Synonyms: Unbiased, Equitable, Impartial, Unprejudiced, Independent
Antonyms: Biased, Prejudiced
 This judge is renowned for handing out even-handed justice.
- **Eject (v)** (بے دخل کرنا، نکال کرنا) To forcibly make someone leave a house or property under law
Synonyms: Dislodge, Eject, Expel, Remove
Antonyms: Admit, Board, Receive, Welcome
 The landlord evicted the tenants from the house who had been illegally occupying it for the last fourteen years.
- **Evince (v)** (ظاہر کرنا، عیاں کرنا) To show clearly, Indicate, Reveal
Synonyms: Manifest, Display
Antonyms: Conceal
 The x-ray evinced a fracture of her anklebone.
- **Evocative (Adj.)** (ایجاد کرنے والا، شوخ) That which brings up emotions and/or memories
Synonyms: Suggestive, Expressive, Graphic, Redolent, Reminiscent
Antonyms: Forgetting, Overlooking
 The last scene of the movie was very evocative and most of us were in tears.
- **Ewe (n)** (بکری) Female sheep
Synonyms: Goat
Antonyms: Bull
 The farmer's ewe has just given birth to an adorable little lamb.
- **Ex gratia (Adj.)** (غیر امتیازی، عطیہ) (Payment) made as a favour, not legally binding
Synonyms: Optional, Charity, Donation
Antonyms: Obligatory, Essential
 He gave him the money ex gratia without any expectation of returns.
- **Ex officio (Adj.)** (بطاعت منصبہ) By virtue of one's office or position
Synonyms: Approved, Sanctioned
 It was for ex officio reasons that the company was able to get the contract.
- **Exacerbate (v)** (شدت پیدا کرنا) Make worse, aggravate
Synonyms: Embellish, Intensify, Degenerate, Amplify
Antonyms: Improve, Develop
 Their quarrel was only exacerbated by Maria's intervention and ended in a physical fight.
- **Exacting (Adj.)** (محنت طلب، سخت) Extremely demanding, Requiring much effort and attention
Synonyms: Challenge, Extort, Gouge, Levy, Postulate, Requisition
Antonyms: Give, Submit
 He makes a very exacting boss who manages to keep his employees busy all the time.
- **Exalt (v)** 1. (مرتبہ بلند کرنا، عزت بڑھانا) To praise highly 2. To raise a person to a high rank
Synonyms: Extol, Eulogise, Commend, Appreciate, Laud
Antonyms: Flinch, Criticise, Denounce
 1. The doctors exalted Uzma for her voluntary services.
 2. Fate exalted the humble shoemaker to the rank of King's adviser.
- **Exasperate (v)** (خفا کرنا، برہم کرنا) To annoy or make extremely angry, to test the patience of someone
Synonyms: Vex, Nettle, Frustrate, Infuriate, Annoy
Antonyms: Placate, Conciliate, Pacify
 Mr. Jawad is exasperated by the continuous meddling of his neighbours in his household.
- **Exceptionable (Adj.)** (قابل استثنیٰ) Objectionable, Likely to cause offence or dislike
Synonyms: Disagreeable, Intolerable, Obnoxious, Offensive, Unacceptable
Antonyms: Pleasant, Conforming
 The tactics employed by Aslam to get the job are exceptionable and unfair to the other applicants.
- **Excerpt (n)** (انتخاب کرنا، چھانڈنا، کسی کتاب وغیرہ کا اقتباس) Selection from a large piece of work like a book, musical composition etc.
Synonyms: Citation, Extract, Fragment, Part, Passage
Antonyms: Insert, Whole
 I chose to recite an excerpt from the famous novel Gone with the Wind for the elocution contest.
- **Excise (n)** (مکئی ٹیکس، محصول آپکاری) Government tax on certain goods produced inside a country
Synonyms: Customs, Duty, Import Tax, Levy, Surcharge, Tariff, Toll
Antonyms: Refund, Rebate
 The government has levied excise duties on the production of mustard oil in the country.
- **Excise (v)** (کاٹ ڈالنا، قطع کر دینا) To remove by cutting out
Synonyms: Amputate, Destroy, Eradicate, Expunge, Trim
Antonyms: Add, Include
 It was an eight hour long surgery when the doctors excised the tumour from her brain.

- **Exclaim** (v) (اچانک اور بے ساختہ بول پڑنا) To speak up or cry out loudly and suddenly
Synonyms: Declare, Proclaim, State, Utter, Vociferate, Yawp
Antonyms: Listen, Refrain
 She exclaimed with joy when her name was announced as the winner of the beauty contest.
- **Excoriate** (v) (کھال کھینچنا، شدید مذمت کرنا) 1. Strip the skin from 2. Criticize severely, Express a very bad opinion of a book, play etc.
Synonyms: Disparage, Reprimand, Scold, Denounce
Antonyms: Soothe, Appease
 1. Poachers hunt down crocodiles and mercilessly excoriate them to manufacture belts and purses.
 2. Critics excoriated Isabel for her bad performance in the play.
- **Exculpate** (v) (چھڑانا، کسی الزام یا جرم سے بری کرنا) Free from blame
Synonyms: Exonerate, Absolve, Acquit, Pardon
Antonyms: Convict, Punish
 After the investigations were over Sajid was proved innocent and exculpated by the judge.
- **Excursion** (n) (تفریحی سفر) Short journey made for pleasure, usu. by a group of persons
Synonyms: Jaunt, Venture, Sightsee
Antonyms: Stay, Rest
 We had to carry our tents for the excursion organized by the club to the rain forests.
- **Execrable** (Adj.) (طعون، کرہید، مردود) 1. Of very bad quality or nature 2. Deserving hate
Synonyms: Abominable, Detestable
Antonyms: (Execrate): Acclaim
 1. Mohsin is sweet natured and very different from his twin brother who is selfish and execrable.
 2. Salman is execrable for all the pain he has caused his parents all through their lives.
- **Execute** (v) (مزائے موت کے حکم کی تعمیل کرنا، عملدرآمد کرنا) 1. To kill as a lawful punishment 2. To put into effect, Carry out
Synonyms: Behead, Electrocute, Eliminate, Hang, Shoot
Antonyms: Bear, Create
 1. The jury passed an order for the execution of the criminal who was convicted for murder.
 2. The committee finally executed the plans after the chairperson sanctioned it.
- **Exemplary** (n) (مثالی) Serving as a model, Outstanding
Synonyms: Advisory, Commendable, Excellent, Consummate
Antonyms: Incorrect, Banal, Wrong
 Abraham's contribution to the flood victims has been exemplary, as many people have followed him in doing the same.

- **Exemplify** (v) (نظیر پیش کرنا، مثال لانا) Serve as an example of, Embody
Synonyms: Demonstrate, Represent, Illustrate, Epitomise, Embody
Antonyms: Confuse, Distort, Tangle, Twist
 The quality of the products exemplifies the poor condition of the machinery in the factory.
- **Exempt** (Adj & v) (مبرا کرنا، مستثنیٰ کرنا) Not subject to a duty or obligation. Hence, to make something or someone exempt.
Synonyms: Excused, Excepted, Pardoned, Protected
Antonyms: Vulnerable, Liable
 For their noble services, all doctors are exempted from any kind of taxes payable to the government.
- **Exertion** (n) (مہنت، سعی، جانفشانی) Effort, Doing much physical work
Synonyms: Application, Effort, Endeavour, Exercise, Striving, Struggle
Antonyms: Idleness, Laziness
 She practiced all day for the long jump finals and ultimately collapsed because of over exertion.
- **Exhaustive** (Adj.) (جامع، مکمل) Thorough, Comprehensive
Synonyms: Ample, Meticulous, Extensive, Painstaking
Antonyms: Indefatigable, Unrelenting
 I made an exhaustive study of the tough algebra problems before beginning to solve them.
- **Exhilaration** (n) (شادمانی، سرست انگیزی) Excitement and Cheer
Synonyms: Animation, Jubilation, Ecstasy, Cheerfulness, Gratification
Antonyms: Exhaustion, Fatigue
 The scientist was exhilarated after finally completing the experiment successfully.
- **Exhort** (v) (نصیحت کرنا، متنبہ کرنا) Warn, To urge or advise strongly
Synonyms: Admonish, Reprove
Antonyms: Dissuade
 The general exhorted the discouraged soldiers to fight well and win the battle for their country.
- **Exhume** (v) (دفنہ کے بعد قبر کھودنا) Dig up, bring something hidden or uncertain to light.
Synonyms: Disclose, Disinter, Resurrect, Unbury, Unearth
Antonyms: Inter, Bury
 After burial, the dead body of Mrs Waheed had to be exhumed again for further investigation of her murder.
- **Exigent** (Adj.) (اشد ضروری، فوری طور پر توجہ طلب) Extremely urgent, Requiring immediate aid or action, exacting or demanding
Synonyms: Urgent, Pressing, Clamorous, Crucial, Menacing
Antonyms: Ordinary, Unpressured, Usual
 The patient was in an exigent condition and passed away because of receiving no medical attention.

- **Exiguous** (Adj.) (معمول، حقیر، قموڑ) Scanty, Small
Synonyms: Meagre, Diminutive, Wee, Minuscule
Antonyms: Large, Huge
 How can you even think of starting such a big business with such an exiguous amount in hand?
- **Exodus** (n) (لوگوں کی کثیر تعداد کا نکلنا) Departure on a large scale
Synonyms: Relocation, Emigration, Flight, Evacuation
Antonyms: Influx, Arrival
 The mass exodus of the audience during the interval indicated how boring the movie was.
- **Exonerate** (v) (بے خطا ٹھہرانہ بری کرنا) To free from charges, clear from accusation
Synonyms: Absolve, Exculpate, Vindicate
Antonyms: Incarcerate
 He was exonerated by the police after the detective found out who the real robber was.
- **Exorbitant** (Adj.) (بہت زیادہ، بے تحاشا) Excessive, Much more than reasonable
Synonyms: Excessive, Ridiculous, Disproportionate, Exaggerated, Tremendous
Antonyms: Moderate, Temperate
 The silk shirts were so exorbitantly priced that no common man could ever afford to buy it.
- **Exorcise** (v) (جن نکالنا، دم کرنا) Drive out evil spirits
Synonyms: Banish, Expel, Evict, Eject
Antonyms: Invade, Intrude
 She was accused of practicing witchcraft and an exorcist was called to drive the evil spirits out of her.
- **Exordium** (n) (سرنامہ، تمہید، پیش لفظ) Introductory part of a speech or a treatise
Synonyms: Overture, Preamble, Preface, Preliminary, Prelude
Antonyms: Denouement, Addendum, Epilogue, Postscript
 His exordium itself was so powerful that it immediately gripped the attention of the listeners for the rest of the speech.
- **Exotic** (Adj.) (بدیسی، بچانہ) Not usually found in a place, strange, rare
Synonyms: Alien, Avant Garde, Enticing, Extraneous, Fascinating, Outlandish
Antonyms: Familiar, Normal, Ordinary, Usual
 She returned from the countryside and brought back rather exotic fruits for her grandparents.
- **Expansive** (Adj.) (مستعد آدمی، توسیعی، بڑھو) 1. An outgoing and sociable person 2. Large and splendid
Synonyms: Broad, Comprehensive, Expanding, Voluminous, Widespread
Antonyms: Limited, Narrow
 1. He was reserved at first but after some time became quite expansive and comfortable at the party.
 2. The expansive shore of this beach is filled with some beautiful looking shells.

- **Expatriate** (v & n) (جلاوطن کرنا، جلاوطن شخص) To drive a person from his native land, exile. Hence, a person living in a foreign country
Synonyms: Deport, Deportee, Émigré, Emigrant
Antonyms: Allow, Permit, Stay
 The tribal people living here are expatriates who were driven out of their land by foreigners.
- **Expedient** (Adj.) (منفید، مناسب حال) Suitable in a situation, even though not morally right or just
Synonyms: Advantageous, Convenient, Apposite, Realistic
Antonyms: Incompatible, Mismatched
 The mason had not done his job properly, so we thought it expedient to pay him only after he did the job again.
- **Expedite** (v) (تجارت کرنا، جلدی کرنا) To speed up, Hasten
Synonyms: Accelerate, Advance, Promote, Rush
Antonyms: Tardy, Procrastinate
 Unlike other companies that take more time to send you the replies, UGB is so expeditious that it sends you the reply within twenty four hours.
- **Expertise** (n) (مہارت) Specialized knowledge, Expert skill
Synonyms: Knowledge, Proficiency, Ability, Command
Antonyms: Ignorance, Inexpertness, Lack
 Despite not having a degree, she was appointed as a teacher for her expertise in needlework.
- **Expiate** (v) (تجارتی کرنا، ہر جائزہ دینا) To make amends for an offense, failure, sin etc., do penance for
Synonyms: Absolve, Atone, Compensate, Remedy
Antonyms: Punish, Penalise
 She is now feeling guilty and would like to expiate for the entire harm she has done to her friends.
- **Expletive** (n) (کوئی غیر ضروری یا مذاقہ لفظ) A meaningless word used for swearing or expressing a violent feeling, Curse
Synonyms: Imprecation, Damning, Denunciation, Execration, Fulmination
Antonyms: Compliment, Praise
 It was a strange expletive he muttered with anger when Shahida called to say that she would not be coming.
- **Explicate** (v) (صراحت کرنا، تشریح کرنا) To explain, usu. a work of literature, in detail
 The professor tried to explicate Shakespeare's 'Macbeth' to the class in simplified terms.
- **Explicit** (Adj.) (دانش، عیاں، غیر مبہم) Totally clear, Definite
Synonyms: Unambiguous, Unequivocal, Precise, Overt
Antonyms: Ambiguous, Vague
 The chef gave his assistant very explicit instructions regarding the ingredients to be used for the new dish.
- **Exploit** (n) (قابل ذکر کارنامہ، مہم) A brave and successful act
Synonyms: Adventure, Attainment, Enterprise, Performance, Tour de force.
Antonyms: Defeat, Failure, Frustration

of history.

- **Exploit (v)** (استعمال کرنا یا ناجائز فائدہ اٹھانا) To make use of something or someone, usually unjustly
Synonyms: Abuse, Fleece, Manoeuvre, Manipulate, Milk, Utilise
Antonyms: Honour, Respect, Revere
 As a result of exploitation without proper nourishment, the land has now lost its fertility.
- **Expository (Adj.)** (تشریحی، تفسیری) Explanatory, Serving to explain
Synonyms: Descriptive, Critical, Elucidative, Explicatory, Illustrative
Antonyms: Uncommunicative, Undemonstrative
 His worn out clothes are expository of his ruined financial status.
- **Expostulate (v)** (تکرار کرنا، شکوہ مانگنا) To protest earnestly and pleadingly
Synonyms: Remonstrate, Admonish, Remonstrate, Argue
Antonyms: Commend, Compliment, Endorse
 The labourers expostulated against the new management, which laid down unreasonable regulations on them.
- **Exposure (n)** (افشا، منظر عام پر لانے کا عمل) 1. Risk, Particularly of being exposed to disease or to the elements 2. Unmasking, Act of laying something open
Synonyms: Display, Exhibition, Exposé, Peril, Unveiling, Vulnerability
Antonyms: Concealment, Covering, Hiding
 1. They went trekking up the mountain peak risking exposure to the extreme cold.
 2. The journalist threatened him with public exposure if he did not stop his illegal activities.
- **Expropriate (v)** (ضبط کر لینا) To take away someone else's property
Synonyms: Arrogate, Assume, Commandeer, Confiscate, Sequester
Antonyms: Appropriate, Distribute, Give
 The State expropriated all land more than an acre possessed by a single owner.
- **Expunge (v)** (محو کرنا، مٹا دینا) Delete, Rub out or remove from a list, book etc.
Synonyms: Cancel, Remove
Antonyms: Perpetuate
 While rechecking, I expunged the unnecessary details from my essay before submitting it.
- **Expurgate (v)** (خارج کرنا، فحش مواد سے پاک کر دینا) To remove objectionable matter from a book etc.
Synonyms: Bowdlerize, Censor, Decontaminate, Lustrate, Purge, Purify
Antonyms: Allow, Permit
 The censor board expurgated all scenes from the film, which it felt was inappropriate for the viewing of children.
- **Extant (Adj.)** (باقیم، اب تک محفوظ و موجود) Still in existence, surviving, not lost or destroyed (usu. related to something written, painted etc.)
Synonyms: Actual, Contemporary, Remaining, Subsisting, Surviving
Antonyms: Destroyed, Dead, Extinct, Gone

Leonard da Vinci's famous painting Mona Lisa is still extant and in very good condition at the Louvre museum.

- **Extenuate (v)** (اہمیت یا شدت کو کم کرنا) To make thin, or less severe
Synonyms: Attenuate, Lessen, Mitigate, Minimise, Moderate, Pacify
Antonyms: Aggravate, Intensify
 The murderer extenuated his crime by portraying it as an act of defence.
- **Extirpate (v)** (ڑے اکھاڑنا) Root out, destroy
Synonyms: Eradicate, Annihilate, Demolish, Deracinate, Efface
Antonyms: Implant, Establish, Embed
 The mayor is trying to formulate methods of extirpating unemployment from the town.
- **Extol (v)** (سراہنا، ستائش کرنا) Praise enthusiastically
Synonyms: Exalt, Eulogise, Commend, Appreciate, Laud
Antonyms: Flinch, Criticise, Denounce
 Critics have extolled the new actor for his brilliant performance in the play.
- **Extort (v)** (کسی سے جبراً حاصل کرنا) Take money by threats etc.
Synonyms: Cheat, Blackmail, Bully, Coerce, Educate, Extract, Wrest
Antonyms: Compensate, Reimburse, Reward
 He has been accused of extorting money from shopkeepers by showing them a gun.
- **Extradite (v)** (مذموم کو اس کے ملک کی حکومت کے سپرد کرنا) To deliver a suspect, prisoner or fugitive to the authority of some other state, country etc.
Synonyms: Abandon, Apprehend, Arrest, Surrender
Antonyms: Permit, Stay
 The police had to extradite this prisoner who knew how to break free of almost all the prisons in this city.
- **Extraneous (Adj.)** (غیر متعلق، زائد) Not essential, Not directly related to something, Irrelevant
Synonyms: Superfluous, Extrinsic, Inappropriate
Antonyms: Essential
 I omitted all the extraneous details while explaining the gist of the matter to him.
- **Extrapolate (v)** (علم قیاس حاصل کرنا، نامعلوم کا قیاس کرنا) To guess the future from known facts
Synonyms: Assume, Conclude, Deduce, Envision, Figure, Foresee, Foretell, Guess
 Many astrologists convince us of their credibility by merely extrapolating from the answers of the questions they ask.
- **Extricate (v)** (محو خلاصی کرنا، سلجھانا) Free, Disentangle
Synonyms: Unscramble, Liberate, Untangle, Salvage, Rescue
Antonyms: Enchain, Restrain
 The bird managed to extricate herself from the hunter's net and fly away.
- **Extrinsic (Adj.)** (خارجی، بیرونی) External, Not an essential part of something
Synonyms: Acquired, Alien, Exotic, Outsider, Superficial
Antonyms: Integral, Interior, Intrinsic

Our neighbour's house has merely extrinsic beauty and is rather dirty from within.

- **Extrovert (n)** (شمار، بیرونی معاملات میں دلچسپی رکھنے والا) A person interested in spending time with others. Also, a person of a cheery disposition
Synonyms: Sociable, Gregarious, Friendly, Affable
Antonyms: Introvert, Ascetic
Alia is a very shy girl as opposed to her sister who is a complete extrovert.
- **Extrude (v)** (دھکے مارنے، نکال دینا) Force or push out
Synonyms: Boot, Chase, Eject, Expel, Thrust
Antonyms: Allow, Hold, Keep
That man was extruded out of the queue when he tried to barge in between.
- **Exuberance (n)** (کثرت، بہتات) Overflowing abundance, Joyful enthusiasm, Flamboyance
Synonyms: Enthusiasm, Cheerfulness, Excitement, Liveliness
Antonyms: Apathy, Gloom
The first rains after the drought had the peasants exuberant and dancing with joy.
- **Exude (v)** (نکالنا، نکال دینا) To discharge, Give forth
Synonyms: Radiate, Display, Convey, Emanate, Emit
Antonyms: Absorb, Accept
By the time he finished the tennis match, sweat was exuding from every part of his body.
- **Exult (v)** (شادمان ہونا، مسرور ہونا) Rejoice greatly
Synonyms: Rejoice, Gloat, Jubilate, Victory, Triumph, Celebrate
Antonyms: Grieve, Mourn, Lament
The old man exulted on the arrival of his newly born grandchild.

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST

SYNONYMS

1. Earthy
(a) Lowbred
(c) Advance
(b) Recede
(d) None of these
2. Economy
(a) Dissipation
(c) Exhaustion
(b) Wealth
(d) None of these
3. Efflorescence
(a) Sprouting Zenith
(c) Bungling
(b) Deteriorating
(d) None of these
4. Egregious
(a) Hesitant
(c) Unabashed
(b) Crestfallen
(d) None of these
5. Emaciated
(a) Corpulent
(c) Absorb
(b) Shrunk
(d) None of these

6. Enfranchise
(a) Enslave
(c) Halt
(b) Manumit
(d) None of these
7. Entrench
(a) Disestablish
(c) Enconce
(b) Guesstimate
(d) None of these
8. Epitome
(a) Embodiment
(c) Reproduction
(b) Stormy
(d) None of these

ANTONYMS

9. Ebullient
(a) Disinterested
(c) Conventional
(b) Effervescence
(d) None of these
10. Edacious
(a) Gluttonous
(c) Charitable
(b) Ravenous
(d) None of these
11. Effectual
(a) Proficient
(c) Virile
(b) Ineffectual
(d) None of these
12. Effulgent
(a) Dazzling
(c) Dejected
(b) Phlegmatic
(d) None of these
13. Eloquence
(a) Inarticulateness
(c) Grandiloquence
(b) Perspicuity
(d) None of these
14. Embrocation
(a) Pills
(c) Ointment
(b) Emollient
(d) None of these
15. Enormity
(a) Atrociousness
(c) Immensity
(b) Tininess
(d) None of these
16. Escalate
(a) Broaden
(c) Magnify
(b) Lessen
(d) None of these

ANSWERS

1.	a	2.	b	3.	a	4.	c	5.	b
6.	b	7.	c	8.	a	9.	a	10.	c
11.	b	12.	c	13.	a	14.	a	15.	b
16.	b								

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- **Fabian** (Adj. & n) (دشمن کو تھکانے والے ہتھکنڈے) Cautious and delaying. Member of Fabian society
Synonyms: Cunctative, Dilatory
Jimmy is a fabianist who would rather leave his test papers incomplete than rush through it.
- **Fabricate** (v) (بنانا، تعمیر کرنا) Build, Manufacture
Being a large order, the manufacturer agreed to fabricate the product according to the specifications of the buying house.
- **Façade** (n) (کسی عمارت وغیرہ کا منہ) Front, Superficial or false appearance
1. The façade of this building is rather impressive but its interior is very shabby.
2. She was in tears on being let down by her best friend but had to smile and put up a façade in front of everybody.
- **Facer** (n) (بڑی دشواری) Sudden great difficulty
The sudden loss in his business was like a facer amidst his father's illness.
- **Facet** (n) (چٹا حصہ، پہلو) 1. Small plane surface (of a gem) 2. Any aspect that needs to be considered
1. This diamond is a beautifully cut piece and all its facets dazzle brilliantly.
2. Albert is a true gentleman whose good manners is only one facet of his personality.
- **Facetious** (Adj.) (غیر سنجیدہ، مسخرہ) Addicted to or marked by pleasantry or levity
Synonyms: Humorous, Jocular
Gary has this facetious habit of passing silly remarks, which can get very irritating at times.
- **Facile** (Adj.) (آسان یا سہولت پسندانہ) Requiring little effort; easily achieved. Also, meaningless or incomplete
1. She was such a good painter that it was facile for her to win the contest.
2. The rest of the audience was irritated by the loud and weird facile remarks she passed at the performers.
- **Facilitate** (v) (آسان کرنا، کم دشوار بنانا) Help bring about; Make less difficult
The electronic typewriter has facilitated speedy documentation.
- **Facsimile** (n & v) (نقل مطابق اصل) Exact copy. To make such a copy
We have installed a facsimile machine for instant duplication of papers in both our offices.

- **Faction** (n) (کسی بڑی تنظیم کی ذیلی تنظیم) Self-interested party or group esp. in politics
Synonyms: Clique
The ruling political party has now split up into factions, which are fighting amongst themselves to serve their personal interests.
- **Factionious** (Adj.) (گروہ بند، عدم اتفاق کا عادی) Raising dissensions or factions, creating discord
The old blind man tried to befool the crowd by inventing a completely factionious story about himself.
- **Factitious** (Adj.) (روایتی معیار کو ظاہر کرتا ہوا) Unnatural, Made for a special purpose
Synonyms: Artificial
Antonyms: Spontaneous
The hotel ordered factitious red flowers made of paper to decorate its lobby for Christmas.
- **Factotum** (n) (ہر کاری نوکر) A person who has tasks or responsibilities of all kinds, a jack of all trades
Our butler is the factotum of our household as he is also a cook as well as a driver.
- **Faculty** (n) (ذہنی یا جسمانی قوت، یونیورسٹی کا کوئی ایک شعبہ) 1. Mental or bodily powers, 2. Teaching staff, 3. Liberty to do something given by law
1. The old man is still in command of his faculties and can read and comprehend very clearly.
2. The science faculty of our school comprises of teachers from all over the country.
3. This license is his faculty to trade with countries.
- **Fait accompli** (n) (کامل کام) An accomplished act. Hence an act/thing already done and not reversible
His sins are fait accompli and cannot be redeemed even if he begs forgiveness.
- **Fallacious** (Adj.) (غلط، گمراہ کن) False, Misleading
Richmond is an unhappy rich man proving this well-known saying as a fallacy that success brings happiness.
- **Fallible** (Adj.) (مائل بہ غلط) Liable to make mistakes, to be misled or to be wrong
It is impossible for anybody to be perfect, as every human being is fallible.
- **Fallow** (n, adj. & v) (غیر کاشت شدہ زمین) Potentially useful but not presently in use (usu. of land)
Synonyms: Uncultivated
This land is now fallow and crops will be planted on it only after the rains.
- **Falter** (v) (ہمت یا حوصلہ ہٹانا) Waver or lose courage
Synonyms: Hesitate
He was honest and thus never faltered in his resolve to prove his innocence.

- **Fanaticism** (n) (مذہبی انتہا پسندی) Excessive zeal, Extreme devotion to a belief
She is a health food fanatic and eats lots of green vegetables for all her meals.
- **Fanciful** (Adj.) (خیال دہنی، قیامی) Indulging in fancies
Synonyms: Whimsical, Capricious
She is a fanciful poet who loves to write about her dreams.
- **Fanfare** (n) (بگل کا لاپ، لاف زنی) Call by bugles or trumpets
Trumpeters were ushered, as the prince was to be married with a lot of fanfare.
- **Farce** (n) (مزاحیہ انداز کا لہرام) Broad comedy, Mockery
This is a farcical play, which entertains as well as mocks the politicians of our country.
- **Fastidious** (Adj.) (پڑا پڑا، نازک مزاج) Difficult to please
Synonyms: Unpleasant
Kim is a fastidious eater who manages to find faults in food cooked even by the finest of chefs.
- **Fatalism** (n) (نقد پرستی، قسمت) The doctrine that all things and events are predetermined and hence unalterable
Henry is a fatalist who feels that he is destined to be poor even if he works hard.
- **Fathom** (v) (گہرائی ناپنا) Measure the depth of, Get to the bottom of
Synonyms: Investigate, Comprehend
Nobody could fathom why Bob and Pete would hurt each other after being best of friends.
- **Fatuous** (Adj.) (احمقانہ حد تک غیر معقول) Foolish or idiotic in a self-satisfied way
Antonyms: Sensible
During one of the ground tests, the candidate made a sort of fatuous suggestion about crossing a river with the help of a rope.
- **Fauna** (n) (کسی علاقے، عہد یا حوال میں پائے جانے والے جانور) Animals of a period or region
The fauna parks of Australia have kangaroo and wombats, which are not found anywhere else in the world.
- **Fawning** (Adj.) (فرمان بردار) Obedient
Synonyms: Obsequious, Cringing
Antonyms: Arrogant
They fawned over their rich uncle to please him so that he would give them some of his wealth.
- **Faze** (v) (سبے آرام کرنا) Disconcert, Dismay
Jane's irrational behaviour left everyone in a faze at the party.
- **Faithful** (n) (وفاداری، فرماں برداری) Faithfulness, Loyalty
Synonyms: Fidelity
Antonyms: Perfidy
The maid servant showed exemplary faithfulness to her master by staying up for nights during his illness.

- **Feasible** (Adj.) (قابل عمل، معقول) Possible, Reasonable
Synonyms: Plausible
Antonyms: Impracticable, Implausible
The promoters conducted a survey to study the feasibility of the project before investing their money in it.
- **Febrile** (Adj.) (بخار زدہ) Feverish, frenzied, delirious, hysterical
She was febrile and had almost lost her consciousness after her head injury.
- **Feckless** (Adj.) (کابل، غیر ذمہ دار) Incompetent and irresponsible
Synonyms: Worthless, Feeble
His fecklessness in money matters has led to the loss of all his wealth and property.
- **Fecund** (Adj.) (ثمر آلود، باردار) Fruitful or fertile
Synonyms: Prolific
Antonyms: Barren, Infertile, Desolate
The fecundity of the soil makes this land suitable for the growth of all kinds of crops.
- **Feign** (v) (روپ بدلنا، دھوکا دینا) To simulate or represent in fiction
Synonyms: Pretend
She feigned unconsciousness to attract the attention of her cousins who were busy in their own work.
- **Feint** (Adj.) (مغالطہ، فریب) sham attack made to divert attention, a deceptive appearance or movement
The boxer struck the actual blow after a feint attack which confused his opponent.
- **Felicitous** (Adj.) (انتہائی موزوں، مناسب) Apt, Suitably expressed, Well chosen
Antonyms: (Felicity): Misery
He raised a toast and felicitated his mother who was moved to tears by the words of her son.
- **Fell** (v) (گرا تا، زمین پر دسے دینا) Cut or knock down, Bring down
Antonyms: Propitious
Nowadays a great number of trees are felled down to make land available for the man to live on.
- **Felon** (n & adj.) (انگل پھوڑا، برص) 1. Inflammatory sore on finger, esp. near nail, 2. Cruel, wicked
1. The doctor examined the felon and advised that it be removed by surgery.
2. She was scared of her stepmother's felony and ran away from home.
- **Feral** (Adj.) (جنگلی یا طبعی حالت میں موجود) Not domestic, Wild
Dogs and cats are not feral and most commonly preferred as pets by people.

- **Ferment** (ن و م) (جوش، دھماکا) 1. Agitation, Commotion, 2. Excite, stir up
 1. The trains were all delayed by long hours causing fermentation at the railway station.
 2. He sang a lively song for the birthday girl and fermented the dull crowd at the party.
- **Ferret** (ن و م) (سرخ، نکالنے والا) 1. To search and uncover by careful investigation. (Used with 'out'), 2. Stout cotton or silk tape
 1. The detective managed to ferret out the robbers responsible for stealing priceless paintings from the museum.
 2. The upholstery of her furniture is bordered with golden ferret.
- **Fervent** (Adj.) (جوشیل، سرگرم) Ardent, Hot

Pamela is a fervent believer in equal remuneration for women in all the fields of labor.
- **Fervid** (Adj.) (جذباتی، جوشیل) 1. Ardent, 2. Hot, glowing

Antonyms: Listless, Restraint

 1. His fervid speech opposed to child labor, touched the hearts of the listeners.
 2. She was fervid and fresh after the long walk in the park.
- **Fervour** (n) (شوق، جذبہ) Glowing ardour, Intensity of feeling

Despite all efforts, he cannot disguise the fervor of his love for Olivia.
- **Fester** (v) (وید پڑ جانے، دل آلودگی) To develop pus, suppurate. Also, to be a continuing source of resentment, rage or irritation

The wound festered spreading poison in his blood and so his arm had to be amputated.
- **Festive** (Adj.) (خوشی کی کسی تقریب سے متعلق) Joyous, Celebratory

Christmas is the season of festivity when everyone is in the highest of spirits.
- **Fete** (v & n) (دعوت پر بلانا) To honour or commemorate in a festival or celebration
 1. The club feted the newly elected president by throwing a party.
 2. The club organized a fete to raise funds for the forthcoming concert.
- **Fetid** (Adj.) (متفق، بدبودار) Stinking

Antonyms: Redolent

The air was fetid with the unpleasant smell of garbage dumped nearby.
- **Fetish** (n) (جنون) An object of unreasonable affection or reverence

Mehwish is too fetish about her cat and even takes her along to parties.
- **Fetter** (n & v) (زنجیر، روک دینا) 1. Anything checking freedom of movement or expression, 2. Check or restraint

Synonyms: Restraint

Antonyms: Liberate

 1. No threats from the management could fetter the union leader who spoke fearlessly against the company.
 2. Chains around the prisoner's ankles fettered his movements.

- **Fiasco** (n) (نکس، بے وقت، بے نفاذ) Total failure

The new actors forgot their dialogues and thus the play proved to be a fiasco.
- **Fickle** (Adj.) (تبدیل، متغیر) Changeable, Faithless

Antonyms: Loyal

Annie is a fickle-minded girl who has not yet decided upon the career she would like to pursue.
- **Fictitious** (Adj.) (فرضی، غیر حقیقی) Imaginary, not genuine

The characters in this novel are purely fictitious and created just to entertain the readers.
- **Fidelity** (n) (انروائی، وفاداری) Loyalty

The counsellor emphasized on the importance of fidelity for a healthy marriage.
- **Figment** (n) (اختراع، افسانہ) Invention, Imaginary thing

Jane thought she heard someone knocking her door at midnight, but it was only a figment of her imagination.
- **Figurative** (Adj.) (عجازی، لٹری) Not literal, of pictorial or sculptural representation

Synonyms: Metaphorical

The professor simplified the tough lines of the poem by explaining it figuratively to the class.
- **Figurine** (n) (چھوٹا سا بت یا مجسمہ) Small ornamental statuette

A beautiful brass figurine of a horse decorated the mantel in her drawing room.
- **Filch** (v) (کھسک لینا، ادا زانیہ) To steal, pilfer

The shopkeeper filched the rich customer by pricing his products at double their value.
- **Filial** (Adj.) (اولاد کو زیب دینے والا) Of or befitting a son or daughter

The young boy showered filial love and attention on the old man who had no child.
- **Finale** (n) (کسی سلسلہ وار کھیل کا اختتامی حصہ) Last movement of instrumental composition

Synonyms: Conclusion, Epilogue

Antonyms: Prologue, Prelude

The orchestra was performed brilliantly and concluded the show with an enchanting finale.
- **Finesse** (n & v) (نفاست کاری، نزاکت) 1. Delicate skill, strategy 2. Achieve by finesse

We were impressed by the finesse with which the sculptor carved out the ice statue.
- **Finical** (Adj.) (بے تکلف، بے تھن) Precise, dainty, (particularly insistent that one's standards should be met)

Synonyms: Fastidious

Margaret has a very finical attitude and buys her clothes only from the most expensive boutiques in the town.

- **Finicky (Adj.)** (نگہ مڑانے والا) Needing much attention to detail
The neat and tidy home of Mrs. Andrews reveals how finicky she is about cleanliness.
- **Firebrand (n)** (آب گانے والا) A person or thing that brings trouble
Synonyms: Troublemaker
Judy is the firebrand of our class and is always getting us into trouble with our teachers.
- **Firmament (n)** (آسمان) Sky with its clouds and stars
The moon was bright and the firmament lit the sky which looked as if it had been studded with jewels.
- **Fissure (n & v)** (درز، شکاف) 1. Long and narrow opening made esp. by cracking or splitting, 2. To split or crack
Synonyms: Crevice
The glacier melted in the summer and seeping in and out of the fissures, it finally flowed into the river.
- **Fitful (Adj.)** (من سوئی) Having irregular periods of activity
Synonyms: Spasmodic, Intermittent
She lost her peace of mind and slept fitfully after hearing about her father's illness.
- **Flaccid (Adj.)** (ڈھلا، ڈھلا) Hanging loose or wrinkled, drooping, lacking vigour
Synonyms: Flabby
Antonyms: Taut, Turgid
Her grey hair and flaccid skin made Mary look much older than she actually was.
- **Flagrant (Adj.)** (برقائش، بدنام) Glaring, Notorious, Scandalous (of offence or offender). Conspicuously bad
Synonyms: Egregious
Jason is a flagrant liar and does not hesitate before talking ill about anyone.
- **Flail (n & v)** (تاج وغیرہ کوٹنے کا آلہ) An instrument for thrashing grain by hand; to heat, to whip
1. The farmer used a flail to separate the grains out of the crops.
2. The jockey flailed the horse hard to make it run faster.
- **Flamboyant (Adj.)** (بھڑکیلا، رنگین) gorgeously coloured, nicely decorated
Synonyms: Ornate
Antonyms: Restrained
It was impossible to miss out Steve who was dressed in a flamboyant orange shirt for the party.
- **Flaunt (v)** (رزق برقی بھڑکیلا ہونا) Display ostentatiously
Antonyms: Hide
She came to college flaunting her new silver watch. 1. Her cheeks have brown flecks, which she tries to disguise by using make up. 2. Martha

looked very pretty in her dress that was white flecked with red polka dots.

- **Fleck (n & v)** (دھبہ، داغ، دھاریاں پانا) 1. Spot in skin, Patch of colour or light 2. To mark with flecks
1. Her cheeks have brown flecks, which she tries to disguise by using make up.
2. Martha looked very pretty in her dress that was white flecked with red polka dots.
- **Fleece (n & v)** (پشم، اڈان، لوٹنا) 1. Wool coat of a sheep 2. To rob or plunder
1. The cattle-grazer shaved the white fleece off his sheep and sold it to the merchants.
2. The robbers on the highway fleeced us off our watches and jewelry.
- **Flick (n & v)** (چابک یا لٹکی سے لگی ضرب لگانا) 1. Light stroke as with a whip 2. Strike or move with a flick
1. He took a towel and flicked the cigarette ash off the towel.
2. We stood horrified as the snake flicked its tongue in and out of its mouth.
- **Flighty (Adj.)** (من سوئی، متذبذب) Fickle, guided by whim or fancy
Synonyms: Crotchety, capricious
No one takes Danny seriously as he is rather flighty and keeps changing his mind every now and then.
- **Flinch (v)** (بھج جھری لینا) Hesitate, give way
Antonyms: Extol
She is not the sorts to flinch in the face of a problem but deals with it courageously.
- **Flippancy (n)** (احترام نداشتی) Lack of respect or seriousness, Irreverence
Synonyms: Impiety, Impudence
John's flippant remarks during history class annoyed the teacher.
- **Flit (v & n)** (اڑ جانا، تیر ہو جانا) 1. Fly, Dart lightly, Pass swiftly by 2. Change of abode esp. to evade creditor etc.
1. During our nature walk we saw beautiful blue birds flitting from branch to branch.
2. Thieves never have a permanent abode and flit from place to place to avoid getting caught by the police.
- **Floe (n)** (سمندر میں تیرتا ہوا بڑا سا تودہ) A sheet of floating ice
Though there were no big icebergs, the ship was badly damaged because the crew did not watch out for floes.
- **Flora (n)** (کسی علاقے، عہد یا ماحول کے پودے) Plants of a region or era
Holland is famous for its flora, especially the tulips.
- **Florid (Adj.)** (گہرے، بھڑکیلا) Having a reddish colour, Ruddy, Rubicund, hence flushed. Also, Ornate to an excessive degree, fancy, elaborate
1. Nancy's face was florid after her friends embarrassed her at the party.
2. She used florid language, to impress the judges at the debate.

- **Flounder** (v & n) (لوٹنا، پھسل جانا یا ٹھوکر کھانا) 1. Struggle and thrash about, Proceed clumsily or falter 2. Flat-fish esp. of small edible species
 1. He floundered in the water trying to save his life, as he did not know how to swim.
 2. The fishermen made good money after selling the flounder they caught with their nets.
- **Flourish** (v & n) (پھلانا، چمکانا، چٹکانا) 1. Grow well, Prosper, Decorate with ornaments 2. Ornament of flowing curves about letter or word in handwriting
 1. His business flourished after he changed his marketing strategies.
 2. The Christmas tree looked gorgeous flourished with gold and silver balls.
 3. She used flourished handwriting to make the invitation look fancy.
- **Flout** (v & n) (توہین کرنا، مزاحمت کرنا) 1. Defy, disregard with contempt 2. Flouting speech or act
 1. The boarders got into trouble with the matron after they flouted the rules of the hostel.
- **Fluctuate** (v) (بے قاعدگی سے اوجھل اوجھل ہونا) Waver, Shift
Synonyms: Vacillate
 His feelings fluctuated between fear and excitement as he got ready for scuba diving.
- **Fluency** (n) (روایتی) Smoothness of speech
Antonyms: Hesitation
 She is French but her fluency in English and German is remarkable.
- **Fluke** (n & v) (انتحاطیہ فائدہ، قسمت کی یاداری) 1. Unlikely occurrence, Stroke of fortune 2. Make fluke
 1. He is not a good golfer and the winning stroke was only a fluke.
- **Fluster** (v & n) (مضطرب کرنا، آکسانا) 1. Confuse with drink 2. Agitation
 1. Fred was flustered after the drink and began to fumble over his words.
 2. The club members were flustered by the constant disagreement over trivial issues.
- **Flux** (n & v) (بھاگ) 1. Series of changes 2. Flow copiously, make fluid
 1. The future plans of the company are unsettled and everything is still in a state of flux.
 2. The glue had become rather thick so I added a little water to it to make it flux.
- **Fodder** (n & v) (چار) 1. Coarse food for cattle, horses etc 2. Give fodder to
 1. Alfalfa is a very good fodder for cattle.
 2. Horses need to be foddered well to build up their energy before they can run in the races.

- **Foible** (n) (عیب، نقص) Minor (usually harmless) fault or weakness in a person's character, short coming
Synonyms: Feeble
 No matter how strong and wise a man is, he does have little foibles.
- **Foil** (n & v) (پتھر، کند گوار) 1. Metal hammered or rolled into fine sheet, 2. Sword used in fencing, 3. Track of hunted animal, check, 4. Run over or cross so as to baffle hounds, beat off, repulse, frustrate etc
 1. The food on flight is all served in foil containers to keep it fresh.
 2. Fencers use their foil with great agility.
 3. He foiled the grazing sheep by running between them.
- **Foist** (v) (جعل سازی کرنا) To pass off something spurious as genuine or worthy, to introduce or insert surreptitiously
 The retailer tried to foist his defective stock on his customers by packing it in new and fancy boxes.
- **Foliage** (n) (پتے) Masses of leaves
 The soldiers were dressed in brown and green uniforms that would camouflage them in the foliage of the forest.
- **Foment** (v) (گرم ہانگٹے سے تھماتا) Bathe with warm or medicated lotions
Antonyms: Quell
 The nurse dressed his wound by fomenting it with the options prescribed by the doctor.
- **Foolhardy** (Adj.) (خطرناک حد تک حماقت مند) Delighting in needless risks
 Despite knowing about the poor future of his business he is being foolhardy and borrowing more money to invest in it.
- **Fop** (n) (خود نما، شہنشاہی خورا) Dandy, A man who takes too much interest in his clothes and personal appearance
 He always tries to be a fop but none of the boys in his class like his taste for clothes.
- **Forage** (n & v) (گھوڑوں اور مویشیوں کا چار) Search for food or supplies or a raid to capture such provisions, rummage. Also, to strip off possessions by plundering and seizing
Synonyms: Pillage, Despoil, Harry, Spoliation, Rapine
 The poor children had been living on the streets, foraging for rubbles and sleeping rough.
- **Forbearance** (n) (صبر، تحمل) Patience
 Her forbearance was rewarded and she finally got a good raise in her salary.
- **Ford** (n & v) (پلیاں، گزر جانا، پلیاں) 1. Place where a river can be crossed on foot 2. To cross water by wading or with vehicle
 1. The trekkers dipped their sticks in the water to see if it were fordable otherwise they would have to swim across to the other side.
 2. The hunter's jeep was sturdy and could ford easily without water seeping into the engine.

- **Forebear / Forebear (n)** (آباؤجداد) An ancestor, progenitor
Synonyms: Forefather
Timothy has inherited his interest in botany from his forebears who were great scientists of their times.
- **Forensic (Adj.)** (عدالتی یا سرکاری بحث مہاشوں سے متعلق) Suitable to debate or courts of law
There was no apparent proof of the old man's murder; but the forensic examination revealed a large quantity of poison in his stomach, which proved that the man did not die a natural death.
- **Foreshadow (v)** (تجلیک، کھانا) Give an indication beforehand, Portend
Synonyms: Prefigure
The dark clouds foreshadowed heavy rains in the next hour.
- **Foresight (n)** (فہم، پیش گوئی، عقل) Ability to foresee future happenings, Prudence
He had the foresight to invest his money in a business that would reap him long-term profits.
- **Forestall (v)** (پیش بندی کرنا) Prevent by taking action in advance
Our teammates played intelligently and forestalled the opponent's constant efforts to shoot another basket and win the match.
- **Forgo (v)** (دست بردار ہونا ترک کرنا) Give up, go without
Synonyms: Relinquish
Harold's seniors advised him that it would be unwise to forgo this opportunity of going to New York for training.
- **Forlorn (Adj.)** (تنہا، اکیلا) Sad and lonely, Wretched
Synonyms: Desperate
Maggie was miserable and forlorn when her cousins returned to America after spending an enjoyable vacation with her.
- **Formality (n)** (دستور، رٹن) Ceremonious quality, Something done just for form's sake
1. Friends should be at ease with one another and realize that there is no place for formality in everyday life.
2. There are a few formalities that have to be settled before we become the legal owners of this house.
- **Formidable (Adj.)** (ڈراؤنا، بھیاں) To be dreaded or viewed with respect
The formidable voice of our principle brings silence in the assembly hall instantly.
- **Forsake (v)** (ساتھ چھوڑ جانا) Withdraw one's help
Synonyms: Abandon, Renounce
When her friends did not turn up Janet felt that they had forsaken her in her hour of need.
- **Forswear (v)** (جہاد قسم کھانا) Swear falsely
The witness accepted the bribe offered by the lawyer and agreed to forswear in court.

- **Forte (n, adj. & adv)** (کسی شخص کا مخصوص ملکہ یا صلاحیت) 1. A person's strong point or special talent. Also part of sword or blade from hilt to middle
2. Performed loud(ly) and then immediately soft(ly)
1. His ability to convince people is his forte that acts as an advantage over the other salesmen.
2. The violinist had to concentrate hard while he performs the forte that involves a lot of rise and fall.
- **Forthright (n, adv & adj.)** (صاف گو، بے باک) 1. Outspoken, Straightforward, Frank 2. In a direct manner 3. Going straight, unswerving
1. Tina hurt the feelings of Jane by being rather forthright about her dislike for Jane's new dress.
2. The teacher made the rules of discipline clear in a forthright manner.
3. The pedestrian directed us to go forthright and we would reach the hotel.
- **Fortitude (n)** (استقامت، ہمت) Courage in pain or adversity
His wife's fortitude helped Lionel to pull through the times of financial crisis.
- **Fortuitous (Adj.)** (ہنگامی، ناگہانی) Accidental, By chance
Antonyms: Unfortunate
Betty's and mine was a fortuitous meeting at the camp but we ended up becoming the best of friends.
- **Foster (v)** (پرورش کرنا، تشویشنا مشق دینا) Encourage, Promote growth of
Antonyms: Scotch, Stymie
The government hopes that its new foreign policies will foster friendly relations with its neighboring countries.
- **Founder (n & v)** (بانی) 1. Person who establishes (an organization, business)
2. Fall completely, give way
1. Mohammed was the founder of the religion of Islam.
2. The roof of the building foundered because of lack of support from the pillars that were very weak.
- **Foundling (n)** (لاوارث بچہ) Deserted child of unknown parents
Mark is a foundling raised by an old couple who brought them home from an orphanage.
- **Fracas (n)** (غل غبار) Noisy quarrel
Synonyms: Brawl, Melee
The football player tripped his opponent after which a fight broke out and all the rest got involved in the fracas.
- **Fractious (Adj.)** (جھگڑاواں) Unruly
Synonyms: Peevish
Antonyms: Agreeable
The students were unusually fractious that day and even the teacher failed to bring about any order in the class.

- **Frail** (n & adj.) (کمزور) 1. Rush basket for packing figs, raisins etc 2. In weak health, morally weak
Synonyms: Fragile
1. The vendor sold his dry fruits in pretty frail.
2. The frail old lady passed away after falling down the stairs.
- **Franchise** (n & v) (مخصوص علاقے میں کوئی چیز فروخت کرنے کی اجازت) 1. Right granted by authority, Right to vote, Business licensed to sell a product in a particular territory, Citizenship 2. To grant such rights
1. Our company has obtained the franchise to sell a renowned beverage in the entire Eastern region of the country.
2. The government has franchised our company as the sole distributor of this product.
- **Frantic** (Adj.) (مطلوب الغضب، غصیل، تندرناج) Distracted with rage, pain, grief etc.
Synonyms: Enraged, Frightened
Antonyms: Pacified, Calm
He was frantic with worry after discovering that his car was missing from the parking lot of the theatre.
- **Fraudulent** (Adj.) (غریب کارانہ) Guilty of (esp. cheating)
Synonyms: Treacherous, Deceitful
Antonyms: Innocent, Sympathetic
He obtained the money to buy a new watch by fraudulent means and was caught.
- **Fraught** (Adj.) (بھرا ہوا، سمور) Full of (meaning etc), causing or suffering anxiety
The long journey through the woods was fraught with adventure.
- **Fray** (v & n) (کھسکا، پھیرا کر دینا) 1. To cause cloth, rope etc. to separate into loose threads at the edges by friction or wear 2. Noisy quarrel
Synonyms: Frazzle
1. It is a nuisance to stitch a dress with this material as its cloth frays when cut.
2. We were ready for the fray that always follows any difference of opinion at the meeting.
- **Frenetic** (Adj.) (شوریلوس) Filled with excessive and mistaken enthusiasm
Synonyms: Frenzied, Frantic
Antonyms: Lethargic, Apathetic
The participants were frenetic about their victory but did not know that their team had been disqualified.
- **Frenzy** (n & v) (غارش جنون) 1. Temporary insanity, excitement 2. Drive to frenzy
1. He was in a state of frenzy after discovering that all his money had been stolen from the cupboard.
2. The music was very loud and there was frenzied activity at the party.

- **Fresco** (n) (رنگ آمیزی، استرکاری) Method of painting on plaster, and such painting
1. The walls of the church are frescoed with designs of beautiful colors.
2. The caves of Ajanta and Ellora in India are famous for the frescoes painted on its walls.
- **Fret** (n & v) (غبت کاری، تندرناج) 1. Ornamental pattern made of continuous combinations of straight lines 2. To be annoyed or vexed
1. The fret is a design that requires accuracy of measurements when created.
2. She is still fretting about her parents turning up late for her dance show.
- **Friction** (n) (رگڑ، کراڑ) Rubbing of two bodies
While camping we tried to get sparks of fire by the friction of stones.
- **Frigid** (Adj.) (جذبات سے محروم) Intensely cold, Unresponsive
1. The frigidity of the hill station had our hands and feet numb.
2. She responded to my greeting with just a frigid smile and walked away.
- **Fritter** (v & n) (تھوڑا تھوڑا کر کے خرچ کر دینا) 1. To waste or squander little by little 2. Piece of fried batter often containing (a slice of) fruit, meat etc.
1. She frittered away her time reading magazines, which had nothing but gossip in them.
2. The specialty of this restaurant is its mozzarella fritters with chilly sauce.
- **Frivolous** (Adj.) (غیر سنجیدہ) Lacking in seriousness, Self-indulgently carefree
Gary is a frivolous and senseless man who thinks about nothing but parties and merriment.
- **Frolicsome** (Adj.) (سرگوش و شادمانی سے بھرپور) Full of pranks
Synonyms: Joyous
The governess was fed up of the practical jokes of the frolicsome children.
- **Fronde** (n) (کوئی پتہ) A large leaf, or a leaf-like expansion, as of a palm tree or a fern
We rested under the frondage of the palm trees.
- **Frowzy** (Adj.) (بے سلیقہ، گندہ) Careless and untidy in appearance. Also having a disagreeable smell
Synonyms: Slovenly, Unkempt, Slatternly, Musty
1. After the football game, he came back home looking rather frowzy with mud on his clothes.
2. The frowzy smell of the bread made it obvious that it had become stale.
- **Fructify** (v) (ثمر بار کرنا، بار بار کرنا) To bear fruit
The gardener finally managed to fructify the barren apple tree after tending it carefully for years.

- **Frugal (Adj.)** (کفایت شعار) Careful, sparingly used or supplied
Despite his richness he still has frugal habits and does not believe in unnecessary expenses.
- **Fruition (n)** (ثمر آور ہونے کی کیفیت) Bearing of fruit, Attainment of thing desired, Enjoyment
After much delay the plan to build the orphanage finally came to fruition.
- **Frump (n)** (میلہ کپڑا لباس پہنے والی عورت) An unkempt woman, Unattractively dressed woman, a dowdy woman
Synonyms: Slatern, Trollop
While in plain clothes she looks very beautiful, she looks like a frump in that old cardigan and black skirt.
- **Frustrate (v)** (ناپس کرنا) Discontented through inability to achieve one's desires
Synonyms: Baffle
Antonyms: Abet
His constant failure to make profits frustrated him.
- **Fuddled (Adj.)** (شراب خوری کے باعث محمور) Confused due to intoxication
Synonyms: Maudlin
Larry's meaningless mumbling made it clear that he was totally fuddled after the drink.
- **Fugacious (Adj.)** (زود گز) Fleeting, volatile, hard to capture or keep
Synonyms: Evanescent
Realizing the fugacity of these moments, we enjoyed the last few days of school to the fullest.
- **Fugitive (Adj. & n)** (منفرد، آوارہ گرد) 1. Fleeing, Running away, Occasional 2. One who flees esp. from danger
1. The fugitive tried his best to leave the country after committing the crime but was eventually caught by the police.
- **Fulcrum (n)** (تکیہ یا سہارا) Support on which a lever rests
The children fell off the seesaw as its fulcrum gave away.
- **Fulminate (v)** (گرجنا، کرکنا) Flash like lightening. Make loud or violent verbal attacks
Synonyms: Thunder, Explode
The entire assembly was shocked by the reporter's sudden fulminatory remarks at the minister.
- **Fulsome (Adj.)** (زیادہ خوشامد کے باعث ناگوار لگنے والا) Excessive in an insincere way so as to be distasteful or sickening
Synonyms: Immoderate
Kevin knew that he would fail this semester so he tried fulsomely ways to please the teacher.
- **Fulvous (Adj.)** (گہری رنگ کا) Reddish yellow
Synonyms: Tawny
The fulvous lights on the billboards were piercing to the eye.

- **Fundamental (Adj. & n)** (بنیادی نام) Of the groundwork, Primary, Essential
The fundamental principle of tennis is to watch the ball carefully before taking a position to strike it.
- **Furlough (n & v)** (رخصت) 1. Leave of absence 2. Grant or spend furlough
Her boss, for extending her holiday beyond her furlough, fired Julie.
- **Furore (n)** (ہنگامہ، ہنگامہ) Enthusiastic admiration, frenzy, great excitement
The furore of the children at the playground after class is an amusing sight.
- **Furtive (Adj.)** (دزدانہ، چوری چوری) Done secretly, stealthily
Synonyms: Surreptitious
Antonyms: Open
The examination papers were furtively stolen from the principal's office.
- **Fusillade (n & v)** (مسلسل آتشیں اسلحے کے فائر) 1. Continuous firing of guns, anything that is like such a discharge 2. Assault, shoot down
1. The fusillade of bullets by the soldiers killed almost a hundred of the enemies.
2. The burglar was arrested for theft and attempting to fusillade the shopkeeper.
- **Fusion (n)** (ادغام) Blending of different things into one
The musical piece performed by the guitarist was a fusion of eastern and western melodies.
- **Fusty (Adj.)** (پوسیدہ، پرانے) Smelling stale and stuffy. Also, old fashioned in ideas etc
After a month when they returned, their small cottage was smelling a bit fusty, so they decided to open all the windows and doors, and got started with cleaning.
- **Futile (Adj.)** (بے کار، بے معنی) Useless, Hopeless, Ineffectual
None of the medicines were working and the doctor knew that all efforts to revive the patient were futile.

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST

SYNONYMS

1. Furtive
 - (a) Arrogant
 - (c) Surreptitious
 - (b) Spon .neous
 - (d) None of these
2. Fulvous
 - (a) Tawny
 - (c) Sensible
 - (b) Infertile
 - (d) None of these
3. Fabian
 - (a) Quell
 - (c) Spoliation
 - (b) Dilatory
 - (d) None of these

4. Frustrate
(a) Open
(c) Surreptitious
- (b) Baffle
(d) None of these
5. Forsake
(a) Dogmatic
(c) Renounce
- (b) Ebullient
(d) None of these

ANTONYMS

6. Frustrate
(a) Turgid
(c) Abet
- (b) Flabby
(d) None of these
7. Fractious
(a) Agreeable
(c) Hesitance
- (b) Ebullient
(d) None of these
8. Factitious
(a) Spontaneous
(c) Renounce
- (b) Relinquish
(d) None of these
9. Fatuous
(a) Dogmatic
(c) Unfortunate
- (b) Sensible
(d) None of these
10. Foment
(a) Abet
(c) Baffle
- (b) Quell
(d) None of these

ANSWERS

1.	c	2.	a	3.	b	4.	b	5.	c
6	a	7.	a	8.	a	9.	b	10.	b

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- **Gabble** (v & n) (ادنی اور تیزی سے بولنا) To speak quickly and unclearly, so that the listener finds it difficult to understand. Hence, such speech
Synonyms: Chatter, Gibberish, Blether, Jibber
Antonyms: Quiet, Sense, Wisdom
The old lady seated next to me on the aircraft merrily gabbled away at me in Persian, totally ignorant of the fact that I could not understand a single word of it.
- **Gad** (v) (آداریہ کر دینی کرتا) Wander about idly, Travel constantly for pleasure
Synonyms: Gallivant, Mooch, Travel
Antonyms: Stay
He reached Paris on Sunday and not having anything to do, decided to gad about the historical city to get a feel of it.
- **Gadfly** (n) (بگھی) A large fly that bites cattle. Also an irritatingly persistent person
Synonyms: Annoyance, Energizer, Excitant, Irritant
Antonyms: Delight, Pleasantry
Like an irritating gadfly, he often comes to my workplace without any rhyme or reason, and keeps disturbing me at work.
- **Gaffe** (n) (فاش غلطی) Indiscreet act or remark, a blunder
Synonyms: Faux pas, Bungle, Damage
Antonyms: Accuracy, Correction
He addressed the colonel as a major, then quickly realising his gaffe, profusely apologised for his blunder.
- **Gainsay** (v) (تردید کرنا یا انکار کرنا) To deny, To contradict
Synonyms: Refute, Challenge, Rebuff
Antonyms: Accept, Acknowledge
There's no gainsaying the fact that what the boy has done is nothing short of a crime, but while judging his guilt, we must keep in mind his tender age and the fact that he has had a rather pitiful upbringing.
- **Gait** (n) (پال) Manner of walking or running, Speed
Synonyms: Walk, Step, Pace
Antonyms: Slowness, Sluggishness
He has a rather stiff way of walking, and everyone can see that his wife just does not approve of his gait.
- **Galaxy** (n) (گالکسی) Large, Isolated system of stars, such as the Milky Way, Any collection of brilliant personalities
Synonyms: Agglomeration, Assemblage, Assortment
Antonyms: Individual, One
Present in the concert hall that night, as a mark of respect to the departed musician, was a whole galaxy of stars from the acting and musical professions.

- **Gale** (n) (آندھری) Windsorm, Gust of wind
Synonyms: Cyclone, Hurricane, Tornado, Typhoon
Antonyms: Breeze, Quiet, Stillness
 The mild breeze suddenly turned into a fierce gale, and people on the street were seen rushing for shelter.
- **Gall** (n & v) (دائی پھڑکا) 1. Mental soreness, or excrescence produced by insect, fungus etc 2. Injure by rubbing, humiliate etc
Synonyms: Animosity, Arrogance, Presumption, Rancour, Sauciness
Antonyms: Modesty, Reservations, Shyness
 After a galling defeat against Germany, in the opening match of the Football World Cup, Spain will have to really play well in forthcoming match against Romania.
- **Gallant** (Adj.) (بہادر) 1. Brave, Not showing fear under dangerous situations 2. Polite and kind, esp. towards women
Synonyms: Courageous, Glorious, Stout-hearted, Suave
Antonyms: Cowardly, Fearful, Timid, Unmannertly
 1. The Muslims gallantly fought against the British Raj in Indian Sub-continent and made possible the creation of Pakistan.
 2. Shahzain gallantly offered to carry Mehwish's briefcase as they were alighting down the steps of the aircraft.
- **Galvanise** (v) (جوشکاری کرنا) Stimulate by shock, Stir up, Revitalize
Synonyms: Arouse, Awaken, Commove, Motivate
Antonyms: Deter, Discourage, Dissuade
 The stirring speech by the young brigadier has really galvanised the forces, and they are now all set for another day of hard battle.
- **Gambit** (n) (جوابی چال یا حرکت) 1. A remark intended to start a conversation 2. A clever piece of action intended to gain an advantage and usu. Involving some risk
Synonyms: Artifice, Gimmick, Manoeuvre
Antonyms: Innocence, Openness, Reality,
 1. He raised the interviewer's expectations with a witty gambit, but his later performance in the interview made it appear as if his opening remark was a well rehearsed one.
 2. The current Railway Budget is clearly an election gambit in order to get more votes in the next elections.
- **Gambol** (n & v) (چھلکانا) To jump about in play
Synonyms: Bound, Caper, Prance, Revel
Antonyms: Stay away, Avoid
 The school children were merrily gambolling about in the playing field in the pleasant spring sunshine.
- **Gamely** (Adv) (دلیرانہ) Bravely, With spirit
Synonyms: Fervently, Willingly, Enthusiastically
Antonyms: Reluctantly, Grudgingly
 He gamely conceded at the end of the match that he had been totally outplayed by his opponent, who was obviously much better than him.

- **Gamut** (n) (کسی شے کا مکمل سلسلہ) Entire range or series
Synonyms: Extent, Length, Scope
 In his acting career, Moin Akhtar played an entire gamut of roles, from the haughty aristocrat to the humble peasant, to perfection.
- **Gangrene** (n & v) (مرتا ہوا ہانت) Decomposition or decay of body tissue To corrupt
Synonyms: Corrosion, Decadence, Dying, Extirction
Antonyms: Growth, Improvement, Ripening, Strength
 It was over 24 hours since he got the wound, and since there was no treatment, gangrene was beginning to set in.
- **Gape** (v & n) (منہ کھول کر دیکھنا) Open widely, Stare open-mouthed
Synonyms: Glare, Gloat, Rubberneck, Stare
Antonyms:
 I gaped at her in surprise, as I had thought that she had left for Australia the previous week.
- **Garbled** (v) (توڑ مروڑ کر پیش کرنا) Of something said or written in a confused way, sometimes deliberately, giving a false impression of the facts
Synonyms: Confused, Muddled, Mangled, Distorted
Antonyms: Sophisticated, Superior
 Though there was nothing wrong with the fax machine, I could not read anything as the message was totally garbled.
- **Gargantuan** (Adj.) (دیوانہ بھاری بھرکم) Huge, Enormous
Synonyms: Massive, Colossal, Gigantic
Antonyms: Miniscule, Small, Tiny
 The amount of his debts, along with the interest on them, had mounted to such gargantuan proportions that only a miracle could have saved him from being absolutely bankrupt.
- **Garish** (Adj.) (چمکیلا، بھڑکیلا) Over-bright in colour, Gaudy
Synonyms: Glittering, Kitschy, Meretricious, Ostentatious
Antonyms: Modest, Normal, Plain, Tasteful
 I think his garish trousers are very poorly chosen; he should have worn something more sober for this solemn occasion.
- **Garner** (v & n) (غلام گودام بن کر لانا) Gather, Collect, often with difficulty
Synonyms: Assemble, Cumulate, Deposit
Antonyms: Dissipate, Divide, Separate
 He tried hard to garner some support from his colleagues when the president of the company accused him of mismanagement of funds, but no one came forward on his behalf.
- **Garnish** (v & n) (کھانے کی ڈش کو سجانا) 1. Decorate, Embellish, usu. a dish before serving it 2. Serve notice on a person
Synonyms: Adornment, Furbelow, Ornament, Ornamentation
Antonyms: Decrease, Divestment, Plainness
 The dish was tastefully garnished with parsley and mushrooms, and the aroma was so good that I could not wait to bite into it.

- **Garret (n)** (بالا خانہ، آخری منزل کا کمرہ) Room on top floor or partly or entirely on the roof
Synonyms: Cockloft, Loft, Turret, Watchtower
During his early days as a struggling artist in Paris, he lived on the top of this building in a small garret that also served as his studio.
- **Garrotte (n & v)** (پھانسی دینے کا ایک طریقہ) Cord, wire or a metal collar used to strangle a victim Hence, to execute or kill by strangulation
Synonyms: Hang, Execute
Deep gashes around the neck of the corpse clearly indicated that the victim had been garrotted to death.
- **Garrulous (Adj.)** (باتوں کی بکری) Wordy, Talkative
Synonyms: Loquacious, Loquacious, Motor-mouth
Antonyms: Taciturn, Reserved
Tim is such a garrulous little boy that his teachers always ask him to sit in a corner of the class, all by himself, so that he cannot talk with the other students of the class.
- **Gastronome (n)** (خوب کھانے پرست) Fond of, or a judge of, good eating and drinking
Synonyms: Epicure, Gourmet
Antonyms: Ascetic
Everyone acknowledges him as a natural gastronome; he not only is very fond of eating, but can also make out small differences in taste that others cannot normally perceive.
- **Gauche (Adj.)** (بے ذمہ، بے لیت) Tactless, without ease or grace
Synonyms: Unsophisticated, Maladroit, Oafish
Antonyms: Elegant, Graceful, Mannerly
Her transformation from a gauche teenager to a self-assured, smart young business executive, within a period of five years, was truly amazing.
- **Gaudy (Adj.)** (بھڑکیلا، چمکیلا) Inappropriately fine, Showy
Synonyms: Obtrusive, Ostentatious, Pretentious, Splendiferous
Antonyms: Reticent, Unadorned
The principal of the college has reprimanded her for wearing such gaudy clothes to college, and has issued a notice stating that everyone is expected to dress in a decent way.
- **Gaunt (Adj.)** (مریلا، دھڑکیلا) Lean and thin
Synonyms: Skeletal, Emaciated, Lank
Antonyms: Obese, Plump
His lean and gaunt frame belies his huge appetite.
- **Gavel (n & v)** (تھوڑے کی طرح کا اوزار جو جج کے لیے استعمال کرتا ہے) Hammer-like tool, usu. used by judges in the court
Synonyms: Mallet, Hammer, Maul
The judge banged his gavel loudly on the table in front of him, and commanded the court to maintain order and decorum.

- **Gawk (v & n)** (منہ پھاڑ کر دیکھنا، بے وقوف غلطی) 1. Stare foolishly, Look in open-mouthed awe 2. Awkward or bashful person
Synonyms: Goggle, Gaze, Ogle, Peer, Rubberneck
Too shocked to react, the two boys stood gawking at the strange creature in front of them.
- **Gelid (Adj.)** (برفیا، انتہائی ٹھنڈا) Ice-cold
Synonyms: Chilly, Cold, Frozen, Iced, Icy
Antonyms: Hot, Warm
Her lips had turned gelid in the icy weather and she found it difficult to speak.
- **Genealogy (n)** (کسی شخص یا گھرانے کا نسب نامہ) Record of descent from ancestors, Pedigree
Synonyms: Descent, Extraction, Generation
As evidence, the lawyer produced a certified genealogy of the accused in court.
- **Generality (n)** (عمومیت) Applicability to whole class of instances
Synonyms: Principle, Generalisation, Universality
Antonyms: Specificity
I asked him a very specific question, but he preferred to answer it with a string of bland generalities.
- **Generate (v)** (پیدا کرنا) Cause, Produce, Create
Synonyms: Assemble, Engender, Spawn, Breed
Antonyms: Break, Destroy
The current cricket series between Pakistan and Australia has generated a lot of interest in the media as it comes after a rather troubled phase for Pakistan cricket.
- **Generic (Adj.)** (جنسی، نسلی) Characteristic of an entire class or species
Synonyms: Standard, General, Common
Antonyms: Specific, Explicit
To describe his play as a 'comedy' would be too generic; I would classify it more as political satire.
- **Genesis (n)** (آغاز، پیدائش) Beginning, Origin
Synonyms: Commencement, Creation, Propagation, Provenance
Antonyms: Conclusion, End, Finish
The director said at the press conference that the genesis of his latest blockbuster was a dream that he had had when he was just eight years old, and which he vividly recalls even now.
- **Geniality (n)** (خوش خلقی، خوش طبعی) Cheerfulness, Kindliness, Sympathy
Synonyms: Affability, Cordiality, Enjoyableness, Friendliness
Antonyms: Aloofness, Irritation, Moodiness
I'd never expected such geniality from them; I used to think they are quite rude and consider guests to be a nuisance.
- **Genre (n)** (صنف) Particular variety of art or literature
Synonyms: Type, Variety, Kind

His music stands apart from his contemporaries as it cannot be classified as belonging to any particular genre – and that's also the biggest reason for his popularity even today.

- **Genteel (Adj.)** (نیک، مہذب) Having a high social class, Polite and refined (sometimes in an unnatural way)
Synonyms: Well-mannered, Courteous, Sophisticated
Antonyms: Vulgar, Crude
Not accustomed to the genteel ways of the sophisticated socialites, the young lady from the small town found herself rather out of place at the party.
- **Gentility (n)** (شرافت، نجات) Refinement, Full of gentleness
Synonyms: Courtesy, Politeness, Manners
Antonyms: Vulgar, Rudeness
The gentility of her behaviour, despite being spoken to so rudely by her father, is truly admirable.
- **Gentry (n)** (اشرافیہ، خواص، اشراف) People of standing, Class of people just below nobility
Synonyms: Aristocracy, Nobility, Noblesse, Patricians
Antonyms: Commoners, Proletariat
The club by the river was at one time frequented only by selective gentry of the town, but now you can find all kinds of base characters drinking and talking loudly on its lawns.
- **Genuflect (v)** (دوروں پر گناہ کرنا) To bend the knees as in worship
Synonyms: Kneel, Cursy, Obesance
Antonyms: Straighten, Flatten
Anyone who entered the king's court had to first genuflect in front of a huge statue of the king placed immediately after the royal gates.
- **Germane (Adj.)** (متعلق، موزوں، مقبول) Relevant, Pertinent to the matter
Synonyms: Appropriate, Apposite, Suitable
Antonyms: Inappropriate, Improper
He did not consider the journalist's question was germane to the main issue of the press conference, and chose to ignore it.
- **Germinal (Adj.)** (جینی، جڑی، ناتی) In the earliest stage of development, Creative or productive of new ideas
Synonyms: Blossoming, Burgeoning, Sprouting, Vegetating
Antonyms: Dying, Shrinking, Withering
We call this division the Germinal Department since the people here are highly creative and responsible for most of the big ideas that our advertising agency has come up with.
- **Gerrymander (v & n)** (انتخابات کے لیے ایسی من مانی ملحقہ بندی جس سے سیاسی طور پر کسی فریق کو ناجائز فائدہ پہنچے) Arrange boundaries of (a constituency etc.) so as to gain unfair electoral advantages. Such manipulation
Synonyms: Juggle, Engineer, Manipulate
Antonyms: Fairness
The formation of three new districts has been widely criticised by several sections of the press as nothing but political gerrymandering.

- **Gestate (v)** (حمل کے دوران رحم میں رکنا) To carry unborn young in the uterus until birth. Also, to develop gradually in the mind
Synonyms: Conceptualise, Visualise Mentally, Expecting
He let the idea gestate in his mind for a good four months before finally deciding to act on it.
- **Gesticulation (n)** (حرکت، اشاراتی اظہار) Motion, Gesture
Synonyms: Expression, Genuflection, Signal
Antonyms: Speech, Quiescence
I could see my brother wildly gesticulating at me, but could not figure out towards what he was trying to draw my attention.
- **Ghastly (adj. & adv)** (دشمنانہ، ہراساں) Horrible(y), frightful(ly)
Synonyms: Appalling, Grisly, Terrible
Antonyms: Pleasant, Amusing
She wanted to get the ghastly episode, when she was chased by a group of robbers on the street, out of her as soon as possible, but just could not get herself to do it.
- **Ghoul (n)** (ہڈل) An evil spirit
Synonyms: Ghost, Phantom, Spectre
Antonyms: Human
Though I do not believe in them, I remember I used to marvel at the stories of ghosts and ghouls as a child.
- **Gibberish (n)** (بے معنی تیز گفتار) Unintelligent speech
Synonyms: Claptrap, Balderdash, Nonsense
Antonyms: Sense, Wisdom
None of what he said made any sense to me; I think it was all utter gibberish.
- **Gibbous (Adj.)** (چاند نصف سے بڑا مگر مکمل سے کم) Convex, Protruding, used to describe the moon between half-moon and full moon phase
Synonyms: Awry, Crooked, Unequal, Unsymmetrical
Antonyms: Concave, Depressed
By looking at the gibbous shape of the moon, I could make out that the full-moon night was still about a week away.
- **Gibe (v & n)** (خسروں کا ہونا، جسروں کا ہونا) To speak in an insulting way. Hence, words spoken as an insult
Synonyms: Scoff, Deride, Taunt
Antonyms: Commendation, Praise
Not able to tolerate the gibes of her classmates at her badly freckled face, he broke down and started sobbing loudly.
- **Giblets (n)** (پرندے کے کھانے کے قابل اعضاء) Edible organs from a bird
After they had eaten most of the chicken flesh, they kept the remaining giblets in the fridge, planning to use them in a recipe for soup.
- **Giddy (Adj. & v)** (جس کا سر پکڑ پکڑا، جس سے پکڑ آجائے) Light-hearted, Dizzy, to make or become giddy
Synonyms: Bemused, Capricious, Punchy, Reckless
Antonyms: Careful, Level-Headed, Sensible

Watching the little children on the merry-go-round for so long made her feel dizzy and she decided to go back to her room.

- **Gild (v)** (سونا کا پتھر چھاننا) Cover with a thin layer of gold or gold paint
Synonyms: Embellish, Decorate, Ornament, Overlay
Antonyms: Disfigure, Harm, Injure
 The town authorities had gilded the statue just before the arrival of the dignitary, and it glittered brilliantly in the mid-day sun.
- **Gingerly (Adv. & adj.)** (انتہائی احتیاط سے یا ہوشیاری سے) Very carefully, prudent
Synonyms: Cautiously, Circumspectly, Fastidiously, Warily
Antonyms: Carelessly, Recklessly
 He gingerly picked up the crystal bowl from the shelf and showed it to her fiancée, holding it tightly.
- **Girth (n)** (گھڑا احاطہ) The distance around something, Circumference. Also, measurement of a person around the waist
Synonyms: Circumference, Compass, Expansion
Antonyms: Inside, Interior, Middle
 The doctor sternly advised him to start exercising and also to have a check on his diet, if he wished to control his fast-expanding girth.
- **Gist (n)** (الہام، خلاصہ) Essence of a matter
Synonyms: Material, Essence, Scheme
 The gist of the entire incident is that our friend here may soon find himself out of job, he informed us, summing up the whole situation.
- **Glacial (Adj.)** (برقی، برقی) Like a glacier, Extremely cold
Synonyms: Freezing, Frosty, Unfriendly, Hostile
Antonyms: Friendly, Gracious, Affable
 Everyone in the school, including the teachers, was terrified of the glacial stare of the principal.
- **Glade (n)** (جنگل کے کچھ کھلا میدان) Open space in a forest
Synonyms: Clearing, Dale, Meadow, Valley
Antonyms: City, Town
 They were relieved to find a small glade in the midst of the thick forest, and decided to light a fire and pitch camp there.
- **Glaring (Adj.)** (آفک، نمایاں) Highly conspicuous, Harshly bright
Synonyms: Obtrusive, Evident, Gleaming
Antonyms: Inconspicuous, Subtle
 What a glaring mistake you've made by not filling out this form!
- **Glaze (v & n)** (گلاز، چکدار بنانا) 1. Cover with a thin and shiny surface, become glassy, 2. Substance used to glaze
Synonyms: Enamel, Lacquer, Patina
Antonyms: Stripper
 I saw my reflection in the glazed surface of the new, metallic car and observed that my tie was not straight.
- **Glean (v)** (منت سے جمع کرنا) To collect facts etc. by patient effort
Synonyms: Gather, Accumulate, Cull
Antonyms: Disperse, Scatter, Separate

From what I managed to glean from them out of all their vague statements, they are indeed planning to start a new company.

- **Glib (Adj.)** (چرب زبان، سبک) Fluent, Facile, Slick
Synonyms: Persuasive, Convincing, Effortless
Antonyms: Unconvincing, Unimpressive
 With his glib sales pitch, the salesman almost managed to convince me to buy the timeshare holiday package; now I'm glad that I did not get fully convinced.
- **Glimmer (v & n)** (دکنا، جھلکانا) Shine erratically, Twinkle Hence, any feeble or wavering light
Synonyms: Flicker, Gleam, Glisten, Glow
Antonyms: Dullness, Tediousness
 The glimmering lights of the city were visible in the far distance. The small glimmer of hope that was there evaporated when the doctor informed us that her blood pressure was falling drastically.
- **Glisten (v)** (دور دور کر چمکانا) To shine by reflecting light from a wet, oily, or smooth surface
Synonyms: Coruscate, Flash, Glow, Scintillate
Antonyms: Dull
 Beads of sweat glistened on his forehead as he desperately tried to fix the fault with his car.
- **Glitch (n)** (نقص، معمول مسئلہ) A minor problem or fault because of which success is not possible
Synonyms: Defect, Flaw, Hitch, Malfunction
Antonyms: Improvement, Perfection, Strength
 Everything seemed to be moving smoothly in the process of the company formation, till we met with an unexpected glitch: one of the to-be directors was still a minor and so legally could not sign on the contract.
- **Gloat (v & n)** (ہنسی سے خوش ہونا) To experience or express a strong, selfish and often malicious delight. Hence, such a feeling or expression of such delight
Synonyms: Browbeat, Bulldoze
Antonyms: Commiserate, Sympathize
 In all their statements to the press prior to the test series against Pakistan, the Australians had gloated that their opponents stood no chance of winning.
- **Glossary (n)** (فہرست) Brief explanation of words used in the text
Synonyms: Dictionary, Lexicon, Vocabulary, Word Index
 For the definitions of all the technical terms in this essay, please refer to the glossary at the end.
- **Glossy (adj. & n)** (زرق برق، بھراکیلا) Smooth and shining
Synonyms: Lustrous, Shimmering, Polished
Antonyms: Dull, Dreary, Ordinary
 I was tempted to buy the magazine because of its glossy appearance and the attractive photograph on the cover.

- **Glower** (v) (گھورنا، غلغلہ کرنا) To stare or scowl (at)
Synonyms: Glare, Frown, Grimace
Antonyms: Grin, Smile
The teacher glowered at him when he meekly informed her that he had not done the homework.
- **Glut** (v & n) (غیر اعتدال، بہت کھانا) Feed or satisfy to the full, Overload (usu. with food)
Synonyms: Gorge, Cloy, Overabundance
Antonyms: Paucity, Shortage, Dearth
The glut of media coverage to the growth of the dot com industry had too much of reporting and very little of analysis.
- **Gnarled** (Adj.) (گھڑاوا) Twisted, rugged
Synonyms: Contorted, Knotted, Bent
Antonyms: Straight
He fell down on the small bush with gnarled branches and thorns, and tore his shirt as a result.
- **Gnome** (n) (بدمعاش، بشتیا) A small, undersized male character in fairy tales, usu. one with not-so-good intentions. Also, a person with sinister influence
Synonyms: Elf, Goblin, Leprechaun
Antonyms: Giant
He grew up listening to lots of fairy tales, and still tries to characterise people around him as gnomes and elves, fairies and witches.
- **Goad** (v & n) (اکساتنا، ترغیب دینا) Urge someone to continue or perform, Persuade
Synonyms: Impetus, Incentive, Lust, Motivation
Antonyms: Deterrent, Discouragement, Diversion, Restraint
It is doubtful that the pressure of the environmentalists will be sufficient to goad the developing nations into using less fossil fuels.
- **Gorge** (n & v) (گھاٹی، پر خوری) 1. A deep valley with steep sides, 2. Feed greedily, Stuff oneself, 3. Contents of stomach
Synonyms: 1. Gulch 2. Gormandise, Overindulge, Satiety
Antonyms: 2. Abstain, Diet, Fast
1. The only way to go across the gorge was by a narrow, rickety wooden bridge.
2. He spent most of the day sitting in front of the television and gorging on potato wafers and chocolates.
3. The vivid portrayal of cruelty in the movie made my gorge rise.
- **Gory** (Adj.) (خونی، ہتھالی، خونخوار) Violent and involving bloodshed
Synonyms: Gruesome, Horrific, Bloodthirsty
Antonyms: Mild, Pleasant, Pleasing
The TV report about the sordid incident left out all the gory details and gave a rather toned-down version of the story.
- **Gouge** (v & n) (چھیننا، کھدائی کرنا) To make a hole using some pointed tool, or to dig out something using the finger
Synonyms: Scoop, Furrow, Hollow
Antonyms: Fill

- He accidentally drove his car into a pointed rod jutting out of the wall and gouged a hole in the back of his car.
- **Gourmand** (Adj. & n) (خوش خوراک، بیٹہ) Gluttonous, epicure, person who takes excessive pleasure in food and drink
Synonyms: Gourmet, Connoisseur, Gastronome
Antonyms: Ascetic
The owner of this hotel is a real gourmand; each night you can find him at the restaurant trying out some dishes especially prepared for him.
- **Gourmet** (n) (کھانا اور شرابوں کا رسیا) Connoisseur of food and drink
Synonyms: Gourmand, Gastronome, Epicurean
Antonyms: Ascetic
Though these dishes have been prepared keeping the gourmet in mind, we are confident that even the uninitiated visitor to the restaurant would love them.
- **Grandeur** (n) (شان و شوکت) Great beauty or power, Impressiveness, Majesty
Synonyms: Magnificence, Augustness, Opulence
Antonyms: Insignificance, Unimportance
Even if you have heard about it and seen its photographs a hundred times, you are bound to be awed by the sheer grandeur of the Lahore Fort.
- **Grandiloquent** (Adj.) (شان و شوکت والا طرز بیان) Pompous, bombastic, using high-sounding language
Synonyms: Pretentious, Sonorous, Swollen, Verbose
Antonyms: Simple, Unadorned, Unpretentious
His grandiloquent speech, in which he merely talked about his own achievements and how he had taken the company to such heights, was panned by the press.
- **Grandiose** (Adj.) (بہ شکوہ، طعشق کا) Pretentious, high-flown, ridiculously exaggerated, impressive
Synonyms: Egotistic, Flamboyant, Verbose
Antonyms: Calm, Moderate, Small
The grandiose plans that he had for his Internet venture collapsed with the crash of the Internet share prices on the stock market.
- **Granulate** (v) (دانہ دار کرنا) Form into grains
Synonyms: Crush, Grate, Pulverise
Antonyms: Combine, Meld, Unite
The company has re-launched its finely powdered coffee as granulated coffee, and plans to spend a huge amount on advertising the re-launch.
- **Graphic** (Adj. & n) (صحت اور وضاحت سے بیان کردہ) 1. Very clear and powerful 2. Related to drawing or painting
Synonyms: Vivid, Striking, 2. Portrayed, Representational, Seen
Antonyms: Unclear, Vague
1. The TV channel was showing the procedures during a heart surgery in graphic detail, which my mother was just not able to get herself to see.
2. He is the chief graphic designer for the magazine and is responsible for all the illustrations and photographs in the magazine.

- **Grapple** (v & n) (تلاش کرنے کی کوشش کرنا) To come to terms with, Tackle, Get a grip on something
Synonyms: Snatch, Wrestle, Manage
Antonyms: Release, Discharge
 The family has been trying to grapple with the truth of the sudden demise of their sole-bread earner, but not with much success.
- **Grate** (v) (تنگوار آواز پیدا کرنا) 1. Make an unpleasant sound so as to annoy 2. Rub together so as to reduce to small particles or a smaller size
Synonyms: Aggravate, Exasperate, Peeve
Antonyms: Please, Entertain
 1. As if the heavy metal sound of that rock group is not jarring enough, the voice of the lead vocalist really begins to grate on you after a while.
 2. You were supposed to cut the cheese into thin slices, not grate it into such fine bits.
- **Gratify** (v) (خوش کرنا) To please
Synonyms: Enchant, Delight, Please
Antonyms: Displease, Annoy, Irritate
 While I was really gratified at the news of my qualifying for the engineering degree course, there was also a bit of sadness at the thought of leaving school.
- **Gratis** (adj. & adv) (مفت، بلا قیمت) Free of charge, without payments
Synonyms: Gratuitous, Wilful, Complimentary
Antonyms: Critical, Essential
 The announcement that drinks will be provided gratis was greeted with loud cheers from all sides.
- **Gratuitous** (Adj.) (بلا معاوضہ دیا گیا) Given freely, Unwarranted, Uncalled for
Synonyms: Gratis, Superfluous, Unnecessary
Antonyms: Obligatory, Required
 He goes about giving gratuitous advice to others, and despite all his good intentions, this habit of his has made him rather unpopular in the class.
- **Gravity** (n) (کشش قوت) 1. Seriousness. 2. Attractive force by which bodies tend to centre of earth
Synonyms: Seriousness, Atrociousness, Significance
Antonyms: Frivolity, Inconsequentiality, Levity
 1. It was a good six hours before the gravity of the situation was really understood by the administration.
- **Greenhorn** (n) (نا تجربہ کار شخص) An inexperienced person
Synonyms: Simpleton, Novice, Recruit
Antonyms: Expert, Professional
 He was a bit of a greenhorn when it came to speaking in public, and his inexperience showed when he addressed the gathering at the club.
- **Gregarious** (Adj.) (گروہی، مجلسی) Habitually living in flocks or communities, Fond of company
Synonyms: Convivial, Cordial, Fun, Outgoing, Sociable
Antonyms: Introverted, Unfriendly, Inhospitalable

- As opposed to his brother who prefers to keep to herself and does not speak much, Salman is quite gregarious, fond of making friends and outgoing by nature.
- **Grievance** (n) (شکایت، غم) Cause of complaint
Synonyms: Objection, Outrage, Pain, Resentment
Antonyms: Compliment, Flattery, Praise
 Because the defect in the product could not be detected in time, the company is now flooded with grievances from customers complaining about the problem with the product.
 - **Grimace** (n & v) (سٹیک شکل، بے ادبی صورت بنانا) A facial distortion to show feeling of hurt or physical pain
Synonyms: Contort, Expression, Frown
Antonyms: Grin, Smile
 She grimaced with pain as she tried to stand up from her hospital bed, having fractured her ankle in a bicycle accident.
 - **Grisly** (Adj.) (خوفناک، ہیبت ناک) Inspiring fear or horror
Synonyms: Gruesome, Abominable, Appalling
Antonyms: Nice, Pleasing, Pretty
 The police have just unearthed a case of grisly murder, in which the victim has been burnt alive after being tied to a pole.
 - **Gristle** (n) (نرم ہڈی) Tough, inedible part of animal flesh, esp. in meat
 My grandfather does not have a strong set of teeth, so he cannot eat meat if there is any gristle in it.
 - **Grotesque** (n & adj.) (کوئی شے جو عجیب انگشت یا بھدی ہو) Extremely ugly or unpleasant, Ridiculously unpleasant, Distorted
Synonyms: Bizarre, Ludicrous
Antonyms: Beautiful, Pretty, Shapely
 In trying to appear half her age by putting on make-up and wearing tight, the middle-aged woman ended up looking grotesque.
 - **Grouse** (v & n) (جھگڑنا، بڑبڑانا، جھگڑنے پر توجہ دینا) 1. To complain, Fuss, 2. Wild bird with feathered feet
Synonyms: Whinge, Grumble, Moan
Antonyms: Compliment, Praise
 He's always complaining about something or the other; when it's not the weather, the policies of the government becomes the subject of his grouse.
 - **Grovel** (v) (انکساری کے باعث خود کو ذلیل کرنا) To behave in an excessively humble or submissive way. Also, to prostrate in humility or fear.
Synonyms: Truckle, Fawn
Antonyms: Denounce, Censure
 He made it clear in the meeting that instead of grovelling to the wishes of the owner of the company, he would rather submit his resignation
 - **Grudging** (Adj.) (متنہذب، بد سامند) Unwilling, Reluctant, Stingy
Synonyms: Begrudge, Complain, Covet, Deny, Envy
Antonyms: Favour, Forgive

He confirmed his reputation of being a very poor loser when he accepted defeat very grudgingly in the semi finals of the French Open tennis tournament.

- **Gruel** (n & v) (دلیا) Liquid food made by boiling oatmeal etc
Synonyms: Mush, Potage
The prisoners were served an extremely tasteless meal of rice, barley and gruel.
- **Gruelling** (Adj.) (مہر آندا، مت فٹن) Extremely tiring and difficult, and demanding great effort and determination
Synonyms: Excruciating, Laborious, Strenuous, Torturous
Antonyms: Easy, Facile, Docile
In the finals of the Wimbledon championship, Sampras defeated Agassi in a gruelling five-setter, which went on for over five hours.
- **Gruesome** (Adj.) (ہولناک، مہیب) Extremely shocking and unpleasant
Synonyms: Horrific, Dreadful, Ghoulish
Antonyms: Beautiful, Pleasant, Pretty
In a gruesome incident reported by today's newspaper, the police have found human remains in a garbage bag very near to the place I stay.
- **Gruff** (Adj.) (اکڑ، کرخت) Rough-mannered
Synonyms: Crotchety, Brusque, Bad-Tempered
Antonyms: Friendly, Gracious, Polite
Though the doctor was quite brilliant, his gruff manner of speaking put off most of his patients and his practice never really picked up.
- **Gubernatorial** (Adj.) (گورنر کا، گورنری کے بارے میں) Of or having to do with the governor or the office of the governor
Synonyms: Authoritative, Conducting, Controlling, Determining
Antonyms: Powerless, Subordinate, Tributary
As part of his gubernatorial benefits, he is entitled to a plush bungalow even after he retires from active life.
- **Guffaw** (n & v) (قہقہہ لگانا، زوردار قہقہہ) To laugh in a loud and rude manner, Such boisterous laughter
Synonyms: Snigger, Chuckle, Chortle
Antonyms: Whimper, Blub, Weep
At his stupid remark, Mehwish let out a loud guffaw.
- **Guile** (n) (فریب، مکر، حیلہ) Treachery, Deceit, Cunning
Synonyms: Astuteness, Deviousness, Craftiness
Antonyms: Forthrightness, Truthfulness
I thought of him as a very simple and honest person; I could never have expected such guile from him.
- **Guisse** (n) (ظاہری وضع، قیاس، پوشاک) External appearance, costume
Synonyms: Appearance, Semblance, Pretext
Antonyms: Reality, Actuality
The police officer entered the hotel under the guise of a wealthy businessman, and was soon ushered to the central playing table.

- **Gullible** (Adj.) (بھولایا ہوا) Easily cheated or duped, stupid
Synonyms: Credulous, Naive, Immature
Antonyms: Streetwise, Astute
Gullible foreign tourists are often duped by unscrupulous travel agents.
- **Gustatory** (Adj.) (ذائقے سے متعلق) Affecting the sense of taste
Synonyms: Taste-buds
Since he had a bad cold, his gustatory senses were impaired and he could not enjoy the wonderful meal laid out for him.
- **Gusto** (n) (ذوق، مشق، جوش) Enjoyment with which something is done
Synonyms: Passion, Pleasure, Zest
Antonyms: Apathy, Lethargy
The students enjoyed themselves to the hilt at the picnic, eating, dancing and making merry with gusto.
- **Gyrate** (v) (رقص کے دوران دائرے میں گھومنا) To turn round and round on a fixed point, usu. while dancing
Synonyms: Pirouette, Revolve, Rotate, Swivel
Antonyms: Stand, Steady
The ballet dancer gracefully gyrated on her left toe with her hands raised high in the air, much to the appreciation from the audience.

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST

SYNONYMS

1. Genesis
(a) Propagation (b) Conclusion
(c) Finish (d) None of these
2. Glaring
(a) Inconspicuous (b) Gleaming
(c) Lacquer (d) None of these
3. Gorge
(a) Overindulge (b) Abstain
(c) Ascetic (d) None of these
4. Grapple
(a) Discharge (b) Unclear
(c) Wrestle (d) None of these
5. Gravity
(a) Inconsequentiality (b) Frivolity
(c) Atrociousness (d) None of these
6. Grotesque
(a) Ludicrous (b) Shapely
(c) Advance (d) None of these
7. Ghoul
(a) Phantom (b) Human
(c) Plesantry (d) None of these

8. Glade
(a) Town (b) Dale
(c) Disfigure (d) None of these
9. Gallant
(a) Unmannerly (b) Cowardly
(c) Stout-hearted (d) None of these
10. Gaudy
(a) Ostentatious (b) Unadorned
(c) Specificity (d) None of these

ANTONYMS

11. Gingerly
(a) Recklessly (b) Circumspectly
(c) Fastidiously (d) None of these
12. Glib
(a) Effortless (b) Unconvincing
(c) Persuasive (d) None of these
13. Grouse
(a) Whinge (b) Frown
(c) Praise (d) None of these
14. Guffaw
(a) Whimper (b) Chuckle
(c) Craftiness (d) None of these
15. Gadfly
(a) Spectre (b) Annoyance
(c) Pleasantry (d) None of these
16. Gerry-mander
(a) Manipulate (b) Fairness
(c) Conceptualise (d) None of these
17. Gratis
(a) Gratuitous (b) Abominable
(c) Essential (d) None of these
18. Glisten
(a) Dull (b) Scintillate
(c) Coruscate (d) None of these
19. Galaxy
(a) Individual (b) Agglomeration
(c) Assortment (d) None of these
20. Garrulous
(a) Loquacious (b) Taciturn
(c) Maladroit (d) None of these

ANSWERS

1.	a	2.	b	3.	a	4.	c	5.	c
6.	a	7.	a	8.	b	9.	c	10.	a
11.	a	12.	b	13.	c	14.	a	15.	c
16.	b	17.	c	18.	a	19.	a	20.	b

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- **Habilliment (n)** (پوشاک، موزوں لباس) Dress suited to any office or occasion, Attire
Synonyms: Costume, Attire, Garb, Gown
Though the usual habilliment for a formal discussion like this is a dark pin-striped suit, he surprised everyone by bearing a semi-formal, light coloured jacket.
- **Hackle (n & v)** (بعض پرندوں کی گردن کے اوپر لیے پتے) Long feathers on the neck of a roaster, pigeon etc. ['Make someone's hackles rise' means 'make someone very angry']
The provocation from the audience in the front benches was sufficient to raise his hackles, but he managed to check his anger and kept speaking without showing any emotion.
- **Hackneyed (Adj.)** (نرورد) Too common because of overuse
Synonyms: Trite, Antiquated, Banal, Common
Antonyms: Original, Novel, Uncommon
For several years now, the film makers have not been able to think beyond the hackneyed love stories and revenge dramas.
- **Haggard (Adj. & n)** (تھکا ہوا) Tired and weary, usu. because of old age, Looking rather worn out
Synonyms: Emaciated, Exhausted, Skinny, Careworn
Antonyms: Healthy, Hearty, Strong, Plump
Working so hard has taken its toll on him; he has started to look rather haggard now as compared to his youth.
- **Haggle (v & n)** (مول تول کرنا) Argue about prices, such arguments or quarrels
Synonyms: Argue, Bargain, Barter, Beat Down, Cavil, Chaffer
Antonyms: Agree, Comply, Concur
The shopkeepers in this market are quite rigid about the prices, so you will not be able to gain much by haggling.
- **Halcyon days (n & adj)** (راحت کا دور) A period in the past which was completely happy and free of trouble
Synonyms: Arcadia, Golden age, Golden time
Antonyms: Rough, Turbulent
Most people look back to their school life as those wonderful halcyon days when there were hardly any worries in life.
- **Hallowed (Adj.)** (پاک کردہ، مقدس شہ) Blessed, Holy
Synonyms: Consecrated, Inviolable, Sacred, Sacrosanct
Antonyms: Irreligious, Profane, Unhallowed

Every year, thousands of Muslims from all over the world visit the hallowed city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia, where the shrine of Prophet Mohammed (S.A.W.) is situated.

- **Hallucination** (n) (دائمہ فریب تصور) To see/hear/feel something that is not actually present
Synonyms: Delusion, Aberration, Apparition, Fantasy
Antonyms: Experience, Fact, Reality, Truth
 What you saw this morning was not a hallucination – Prime Minister is actually in our town for a brief, unannounced visit.
- **Halting** (Adj.) (تکچا پاتا) Hesitant, Faltering
Synonyms: Impede, Intermit, Interrupt, Obstruct, Pause,
Antonyms: Continue, Forge, Forward, Push
 His speech was slow and halting, as if his mind were somewhere else.
- **Hamper** (n & v) (رکاوٹ بنانا، کوئی مزام نہ) 1. Consignment of eatables, wines etc
 2. To cause difficulty in movement or activity
Synonyms: 1. Bassinet, Carton, Crate, 2. Obstruct, Impede, Restrict
Antonyms: 2. Support, Encourage, Expedite
 1. They gifted a hamper of dry fruits, sweets and chocolates to us on the occasion of our anniversary.
 2. Poor infrastructure has been the single largest factor hampering the growth of technology in many developing countries.
- **Haphazard** (n, adj. & adv) (بے ساختگی، اتفاقی، خیراں) Random, by chance, casual
Synonyms: Random, Reckless, Slapdash, Spontaneous
Antonyms: Deliberate, Designed, Intentional
 The haphazard and unplanned growth of concrete structures has totally marred the natural beauty of this hill station.
- **Harangue** (n & v) (ہرجوش خطاب) Speech made to a gathering/ assembly. Usually a loud, vehement address
Synonyms: Pronounce, Exhort, Declamation
Antonyms: Print, Writing
 The opposition leader gave his usual harangue in the parliament after the finance minister had completed his budget speech, criticizing almost every policy measure announced in the budget.
- **Harass** (v) (مسلسل حملوں یا چچاؤں سے پریشان کرنا) To annoy by repeated attacks
Synonyms: Beleaguer, Exasperate, Persecute, Pester
Antonyms: Assist, Facilitate, Help, Support
 The naughty little children harassed their governess with their never-ending stream of questions.
- **Harbinger** (n & v) (نقیب، ہرکارہ) 1. A person or thing showing that something is going to happen or is on its way 2. To announce approach of such thing
Synonyms: Augury, Portent, Precursor, Forerunner
 The nomination of the noted economist to the position of the country's finance minister was seen by most people as the harbinger of better economic policies.

- **Harbour** (n & v) (زمین کے اندر خیمات اور احساسات لانا) 1. To have in mind, Keep in mind for a long period of time 2. To provide a place to hide 3. Place of shelter for ships
Synonyms: Anchorage, Cove, Haven, Dock, Embankment
 1. However much they may blame me for the defeat of our team, I do not harbour any guilt as I don't think I did anything wrong.
 2. They were found guilty of harbouring the terrorist in their cottage for over a week.
- **Hardy** (Adj & n) (سخت جان، ہٹاکٹا) Sturdy, Robust, Able to stand inclement weather
Synonyms: Indefatigable, Muscular, Stalwart, Staunch, Stout
Antonyms: Tender, Unhealthy, Weak
 Despite the cold weather, a few hardy people had still ventured out for a picnic.
- **Harlequin** (n & adj.) (سخرہ) A clown or buffoon, Any person who dresses up in bright coloured funny clothing
Synonyms: Comedian, Buffoon, Jester
 The court jester was dressed in a bright orange coloured robe with matching boots, looking very much the harlequin he was supposed to behave as.
- **Harridan** (n) (بد مزاج بوڑھی عورت) A bad tempered old woman
Synonyms: Hag, Shrew, Strumpet, Virago
 He shouted at his mother-in-law, calling her a cold-hearted harridan, and walked out of the house.
- **Harrowing** (Adj.) (پریشان کن) Causing great suffering and anxiety in the mind, Distressing, Traumatic
Synonyms: Agonizing, Terrifying, Tormenting, Torturous
Antonyms: Pleasant, Pleasing, Gratifying
 They've just been through a harrowing experience when their car was stopped by some ruffians on the highway and all their belongings were looted.
- **Haughty** (Adj.) (سکبر، خود پسند) Arrogant and unfriendly, Thinking oneself to be superior to others
Synonyms: Contemptuous, Detached, Disdainful, Supercilious
Antonyms: Servile, Humble, Meek, Shy, Timid
 She had been brought up in a pampered atmosphere, and as a result was haughty and disrespectful, very much a spoilt of brat.
- **Hauteur** (n) (سکبر، غونت) Haughty manner, Arrogance
Synonyms: Superciliousness, Snobbishness, Audacity
Antonyms: Personality, Realness, Truthfulness
 The chairman delivered the speech with his customary detached hauteur, keeping himself at an arm's length with the daily affairs of the company.
- **Hazardous** (Adj.) (پر خطری) Which contains risk or danger
Synonyms: Dangerous, Precarious, Venturesome, Wicked
Antonyms: Guarded, Predictable, Safe

The laboratory assistant warned us about being careful with the hazardous chemical in the flask, explaining that it was concentrated nitric acid and could be really dangerous if spilt.

- **Hazy** (Adj.) (قدرے سمجھ، دھندلا) Slightly obscure, Unclear, Uncertain
Synonyms: Cloudy, Obscure, Muddled, Vague
Antonyms: Clear, Comprehensible, Obvious
1. Everything appeared hazy because of the heavy fog.
2. I'm a bit hazy about the program; what are we supposed to do next?
- **Headlong** (adj & adv) (سرکے بل، جلد بازی سے) With great speed and without thinking, Rash
Synonyms: Impetuous, Impulsive, Hurried
Antonyms: Considered, Painless
He could not see the train because of the fog and crashed his car headlong into it.
- **Headstrong** (Adj.) (خود سر، سرکش) Violently self-willed
Synonyms: Imprudent, Impulsive, Intractable, Obstinate, Perverse
Antonyms: Moderate, Obedient, Submissive, Tolerant
He is very headstrong and will not listen to anyone; let him take his own decision.
- **Heathen** (Adj. & n) (غیر مذہبی، لٹھ) An unenlightened or irreligious person; specifically one who is neither Christian nor Jewish, nor Mohammedan
Synonyms: Pagan, Barbarian, Godless, Idolatrous, Infidel
Antonyms: Godly, Religious
Islam considers Hindus as heathens and disapproves their religious beliefs.
- **Heckle** (v & n) (ٹوکن، مداخلت کرنا) Interrupt a speaker with aggressive questions, Question persistently in order to confuse or discomfort a person
Synonyms: Embarrass, Faze, Interrupt, Pester
Antonyms: Encourage, Help, Promote, Support
Irritated by the continuous heckling from a group of students in the back rows and not having answers to their pointed questions, the speaker lashed out angrily at them.
- **Hector** (n & v) (لات زن، ہراسہ برپا کرنا) Bully, Torment by words
Synonyms: Browbeat, Dominate, Harass, Intimidate
Antonyms: Coax, Compliment, Praise
When persuasion did not work, he tried to hector the labourers into signing the deal with the management.
- **Hedonism** (n) (مشتی، لطف اندوزی) Doctrine that pleasure is the chief good
Synonyms: Debauchery, Enjoyment, Epicureanism, Gratification
Antonyms: Puritanism
He is a confirmed hedonist, and believes in enjoying life to the fullest while it lasts.
- **Heed** (v & n) (توجہ دینا، توجہ) Pay attention to, or consider Careful attention
Synonyms: Cognizance, Deliberation, Observation, Regard
Antonyms: Heedlessness, Inattention, Indifference, Negligence

Had I heeded to your warnings a year ago, I would not have landed in the mess I am in today.

- **Hegemony** (n) (تاریت، حکمرانی) Leadership esp. by one state of confederacy
Synonyms: Authority, Domination, Supremacy
Antonyms: Subjugation, Suppression
The two tribal chieftains were constantly at loggerheads at each other over the question of regional hegemony; each wanted to have control over the territories they inhabited.
- **Heinous** (Adj.) (بہت، قابل نفرت) Utterly wicked or shameful
Synonyms: Atrocious, Monstrous, Outrageous, Iniquitous
Antonyms: Lovely, Magnificent, Wonderful
They confessed to having committed the heinous offense of selling the military secrets to the enemy agent.
- **Heist** (n) (نقشبازی، ڈاکو) A violent robbery, usu. of valuable property
Synonyms: Larceny, Pilferage, Caper
In a daring Rs. 500000/- jewellery heist, the robbers managed to get past the security guard by drugging him and then entered the exhibition area
- **Herbivorous** (Adj.) (ہیزی خور) Feeding on plants or grains
Synonyms: Vegetarian, Fruitarian, Vegan
Antonyms: Carnivorous
As a general rule, herbivorous animals like deer and elephants are milder and more gentle than their carnivorous counterparts such as tigers and wolves.
- **Heresy** (n) (کئی سائی، بدعت) Opinion contrary to 'accepted beliefs, The holding of such belief or opinion
Synonyms: Dissent, Nonconformity, Schism
The defence minister dismissed as pure heresy the news that some enemy agents have infiltrated into the ranks of the national army.
- **Hermetic** (Adj.) (ہیرمٹک، ہوا بند) Airtight, protected from external agencies
Antonyms: Permeable
The child-like, innocent soul led a hermetic existence all on his own, totally oblivious of the wicked ways of the world.
- **Hermitage** (n) (گھر، خانقاہ) Home of a religious person, removed from the society
Synonyms: Abbey, Cloister, Monastery, Retreat
The ascetic went from door to door begging for alms, and retreated to his secluded hermitage as night fell.
- **Heterodox** (Adj.) (آزاد خیال، غیر معتدل) Not accepting or holding religious doctrine, unorthodox, unconventional
Synonyms: Dissident, Doubtful, Iconoclastic, Sceptical
Antonyms: Agreeing, Conforming
Because of their heterodox views about their own religion, they were despised by many members of their own community.
- **Heterogeneous** (Adj.) (مختلف انداز کے والا) 1. Diverse in character 2. Mixed
Synonyms: Amalgamate, Diversified, Incongruous, Multifarious
Antonyms: Homogeneous, Uniform

The class is a heterogeneous mix of students from all corners of the country, and from all strata of society.

- **Heuristic** (Adj. & n) (طریقہ، علم کو خود دریافت کرنے کی ترتیب دیتا ہے) Proceeding by experimentation (used to refer to a system of education in which the pupil is made to discover things by himself). Such findings or procedure
Synonyms: Wondering, Curious, Probing, Prying, Questioning
Antonyms: Disinterested, Incurious
More and more schools are now adopting a heuristic approach to learning, in which the students are left to discover things by themselves under a guided environment.

- **Heyday** (n) (بہترین حالات) Time of greatest success
Synonyms: Apotheosis, Bloom, Crescendo, Prime, Zenith
Antonyms: Bottom, Nadir, Unimportance
During his heyday, when he was among the most respected businessmen of the society, he earned more than Rs. 50000 a day; now he doesn't earn that much in a month.

- **Hiatus** (n) (سوراخ، درز، ٹکاف) An opening, gap a break in the chain
Synonyms: Aperture, Lacuna, Lapse, Opening
Antonyms: Nexus, Connection
The cinema theatre has resumed screening movies again, after a six-month hiatus, during which it majorly renovated its facilities.

- **Hidebound** (Adj.) (تنگ ذہن، تنگ نظر) Narrow minded
Synonyms: Conservative, Antipathetic, Averse, Inflexible
Antonyms: Exaggerated, Incautious
The accounts department in most companies is rather hidebound – it just sticks to the rules without any deviation.

- **Hierarchy** (n) (نظام مراتب، منطقی ترتیب) 1. Organization with grades ranked one above the other 2. Priestly government organized in successive grades
Synonyms: Echelons, Position, Pyramid, Ranking
Within a short span of ten years, he had reached the top of the organizational hierarchy, working his way up the corporate ladder with diligence, and also some deceit.

- **Highbrow** (Adj. & n) (دانشور یا دانشور دکھائی دینے والا) Serious, and intended for intelligent, educated people. Such people
Synonyms: Erudite, Intellectual, Scholarly, Studious
Antonyms: Ignorant, Inexperienced, Unsophisticated
Seeing that there were very few buyers for the highbrow literary books and classics he was trying to sell, he has now switched over to selling the more popular fiction and fashion books.

- **Hilarity** (n) (خوشنودی، ہنس ریاں) Cheerful laughter
Synonyms: Cheerfulness, Amusement, Fun, Merriment
Antonyms: Apathy, Aversion, Disinclination, Dullness
The gathering at the club had an atmosphere of mirth and hilarity, thanks to the merry jokes of the old sailor.

- **Hindrance** (n) (رکاوٹ، مزاحمت) Obstruction, prevention or obstacle
Synonyms: Impediment Hitch, Snag, Stoppage
Antonyms: Encouragement, Expedition, Promotion
He's never considered his disability a hindrance, though the people around him make him feel he is different.
- **Hirsute** (Adj.) (دو گھیل دار، بال دار) Rough with hair or bristles, Hairy
Synonyms: Bearded, Furry, Shaggy, Woolly
Antonyms: Bald, Hairless
He used to sport a clean-shaven look earlier, but I think he now looks better ever since he decided to have a hirsute face.
- **Histrionic** (adj & n) (نٹائی، ظاہر داری کا) Behaving or done in a too theatrical way, esp. in showing feelings that are insincere or pretended
Synonyms: Melodramatic, Overacting, Theatrical, Thespian
Antonyms: Reserved, Restrained
She put on a shameless display of histrionics at her former husband's funeral – everyone knows how much pain and suffering she had caused him when they were married.
- **Hoard** (v & n) (ذخیرہ کرنا، جمع پونجی) Accumulate or store for future use. Such storage or accumulation
Synonyms: Amass, Stockpile, Assemble
Antonyms: Lavish, Squander, Waste
As the rumour spread that curfew was about to be imposed in the city, people panicked and started to hoard foodstuff in huge quantities.
- **Hoary** (Adj.) (بھورا، بزرگ) Grey with age Old, and therefore not amusing (of a joke etc.)
Synonyms: Ancient, Antique, Venerable, Elderly
Antonyms: Modern, New, Young
Instead of wasting time listening to his hoary old jokes, it's better if we play a game of scrabbles.
- **Hoax** (v & n) (نرہیب دینا، چکر) Deceive, or cheat a person, esp. as a joke
Hence, any humorous or mischievous deception
Synonyms: Dodge, Fabrication, Swindle, Whopper
Antonyms: Reality, Authenticity, Veracity
The telephone call about the bomb threat turned out to be a hoax; no bomb was found on the plane and because of the delay, I missed my connecting flight.
- **Hoi polloi** (n) (عوام الناس) The common people, The masses
Synonyms: Masses, Proletariat, Populace, Public, Commoners
Antonyms: Aristocracy, Elite
The Finance Minister in his budget speech clearly said that the budget proposals were made keeping in mind the hoi polloi, and not the top bracket of wealthy industrialists.
- **Holster** (n) (پستول کا چمڑے کا غلاف) A leather pistol-case that can be worn on belt or under arm
Synonyms: Sheath, Casing

Before the robber could react, the sheriff had pulled his gun out of its holster and aimed at him.

- **Homage** (n) (خراجِ تمجید، تحیت) A formal public honour or tribute to someone

Synonyms: Obeisance, Praise, Reverence, Tribute

Antonyms: Faithlessness, Scorn, Treachery

Paying homage to the former President who had passed away, the Senator said that the President had been a source of constant inspiration to him.

- **Homely** (Adj.) (سادہ گفتار سے بری) 1. Very plain and simple, in a pleasing way, 2. Ugly, Not attractive or good looking

Synonyms: Unostentatious, Unpretentious, Welcoming, Ordinary

Antonyms: Attractive, Beautiful

1. The room did not offer any luxuries but was homely and comfortable.

2. She considered herself too homely to be ever able to get a date for herself.

- **Homily** (n) (دعوت) A moralizing lecture or discourse, usu. on how one should behave

Synonyms: Sermon, Doctrine, Lecture, Lesson

Antonyms: Quiet, Silence

Her constant homilies about the need for him to develop social etiquette did not have any effect on him, and he continued to behave in a rather clumsy way.

- **Homogeneous** (Adj.) (ایک جنس، یک قسم، یک نسل) Consisting of parts of the same kind

Synonyms: Compatible, Consistent, Equal, Uniform

Antonyms: Heterogeneous, Variegated

This village has had very little interaction with the outside world, and as a result its population has remained quite homogenous over the past five decades.

- **Hone** (v) (تیز کرنا یا چمکانا) To sharpen, Make something suitable for its purpose

Synonyms: Sharpen, Sharpen, Strip, Whet, Edge

Antonyms: Blunt, Dull, Thicken

For three years, he honed his skills in archery by practicing in his backyard before attempting to participate in the Olympic Games.

- **Hoodwink** (v) (دھوکا دینا) Deceive, Cheat

Synonyms: Delude, Flimflam, Mystify, Perplex

Antonyms: Be Forthright, Be Honest

By making some false announcements to the press, he managed to hoodwink a large number of people into investing in his company.

- **Horde** (n) (گروہ، جم، گروہ) A large, noisy and excited crowd

Synonyms: Everybody, Gathering, Mob

Antonyms: Individual, One

Hordes of angry young people surrounded the residence of the controller of examinations, accusing him of discrepancies in the examination system.

- **Hors d'oeuvre** (n) (اُستہوار کھانا) An extra dish served as an appetizer before a meal

Synonyms: Appetizer, First Course, Appetiser, Starter

Antonyms: Meal

He had stuffed himself with the hors d'oeuvres served at the party, and did not have the appetite for the main course.

- **Horticultural** (n) (باغبانی کا) The art of cultivation of gardens

Synonyms: Agronomical, Floricultural, Gardening, Floral

Antonyms: Fleshy, Mammalian, Muscular

The horticultural show attracted a large number of amateur garden enthusiasts, and some of the flower decorations on display were most pleasing to look at.

- **Hostility** (n) (دشمنی، مخالفت) Unfriendliness, State of warfare

Synonyms: Enmity, Antagonism, Resentment

Antonyms: Cooperation, Collaboration

I tried hard to bring about an understanding between them, but their hostility had increased to such an extent that they simply refused to talk to each other.

- **Hovel** (n) (گھونچڑا) A small shed or house in miserable condition

Synonyms: Burrow, Cabin, Cottage

The house was little more than a hovel and totally inhospitable.

- **Hover** (v & n) (مُتلائے کا عمل) 1. Hang about in the air, or wait at a nearby place 2. Remain in an undecided state

Synonyms: Float, Drift, Linger

Antonyms: Lie, Rest, Settle

Several suspicious looking characters hovered around at the port, and as night fell, they started their illegal operations under cover of darkness.

- **Hubris** (n) (زعم، گھمنڈ) An arrogant pride

Synonyms: Conceitedness, Disdain, Insolence, Loftiness

Antonyms: Humility, Meekness, Servility

It was nothing but hubris that led him to believe that he could take on the world champion in the boxing ring; he was knocked out in four minutes flat.

- **Huckster** (n) (خوارچند والا، باطل) A person who tries to sell goods to people in a noisy or annoying way

Synonyms: Costermonger, Hawker, Pitchperson, Salesperson

Antonyms: Customer

The huckster persuaded me for nearly ten minutes to buy the sunglasses which were obviously stolen, but I was in no mood to oblige him.

- **Hue** (n) (رنگ، رنگت) 1. Variety of colour 2. Loud cry of disapproval

Synonyms: 1. Aspect, Cast, Complexion 2. Tincture, Roar, Salvo, Scream

Antonyms: 1. White 2. Whimper

1. Adding a tinge of orange colour to the palette gave the mixture a brilliant golden hue, just the shade the painter was looking for.
2. The farmers' lobby made a loud hue and cry in front of the Parliament over the government's decision to reduce the agricultural subsidy.
- **Humane** (Adj.) (مہربان، شفقت) Marked by kindness or consideration
Synonyms: Thoughtfulness, Philanthropic, Amiable, Benevolent
Antonyms: Inhumane, Merciless, Uncivilized, Uncompassionate
 In an extremely humane gesture, the popular movie star has decided to bear the entire cost of treatment of one of his fans aged twelve years who is suffering from cancer.
- **Humdrum** (Adj & n) (بے لطف، بچکا) Lacking excitement, Dull, Ordinary
Synonyms: Too ordinary, Monotonous, Mundane, Arid
Antonyms: Exciting, Lively, Unusual
 My new assignment involved a lot of travelling and was full of action, starkly in contrast to the previous one in which I had a very humdrum routine, sitting at my desk and working from 9 to 6.
- **Humid** (Adj.) (مرطوب، گیلا) Damp, Moist
Synonyms: Clammy, Close, Dank, Muggy
Antonyms: Arid, Dry
 It is not the heat but the humidity that gets very difficult to bear, as people can be sweating profusely as they go about their day's work.
- **Humility** (n) (انکساری، ماترئی) Humbleness, Not being proud
Synonyms: Humbleness, Meekness, Modesty
Antonyms: Arrogance, Presumption
 Despite being the richest person at the gathering, Mr Ashraf is the personification of humility -- talking to him, no one can imagine how rich he is.
- **Hurtle** (v) (بہاگ بھاگ جانا) To move very fast, usu. in a dangerous way
Synonyms: Bump, Collide, Fly
Antonyms: Stay, Wait
 The children hurtled down the hill on their bicycles, thrilled at the speed and the freedom.
- **Hybrid** (n & adj) (دو مختلف نسل) A mixture of two different things, usu. of a better quality than the individual things
Synonyms: Amalgam, Fusion, Crossbreed
Antonyms: Homogeneous, Pedigreed, Pure
 Agricultural scientists in that laboratory have tried some crazy experiments -- like when they tried to grow a hybrid of tomato and potato, calling it pomato.
- **Hyperbole** (n) (مبالغہ، غلو، مبالغہ آمیز بیان) Exaggerated statement not meant to be taken literally
Synonyms: Exaggeration, Magnification, Metaphor
Antonyms: Understatement, Irony

His hyperbolic speech about how well the economy has performed may have won him a lot of applause, but he himself knows quite well that not all of what he said is as good as it sounds.

- **Hypochondria** (n) (ہائپوکی، غمزدگی) State of constantly imagining that one is ill
Synonyms: Valetudinarian, Neurotic, Obsessive Person
 All the three doctors whom she consulted diagnosed her condition as an acute case of hypochondria, telling her that her illness was just in her imagination.
- **Hypocrisy** (n) (دیکاری، منافقت) Pretending to believe or feel something when actually one does not do so
Synonyms: Insincerity, Pretence, Duplicity
Antonyms: Sincerity, Honesty
 He accused her of hypocrisy in front of the entire class -- saying that she only made a display of sympathy for the poor and not actually feeling anything for them.
- **Hypothetical** (Adj.) (فرضی، مفروض، فرضیاتی) Based on assumptions or hypotheses, Supposed
Synonyms: Imaginary, Supposed, Theoretical
Antonyms: Real, Factual, Existent
 The spokesperson of the party dismissed the journalist's question about the possibility of the party merging with another regional party, describing it as purely hypothetical and having no basis.

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST

SYNONYMS

1. **Hostility**
 (a) Cooperation (b) Cottage
 (c) Resentment (d) None of these
2. **Hybrid**
 (a) Crossbreed (b) Pedigreed
 (c) Pure (d) None of these
3. **Hiatus**
 (a) Nexus (b) Lacuna
 (c) Religious (d) None of these
4. **Hoi polloi**
 (a) Proletariat (b) Elite
 (c) Aristocracy (d) None of these
5. **Highbrow**
 (a) Scholarly (b) Unsophisticated
 (c) Ignorant (d) None of these

ANTONYMS

6. Hover
(a) Linger
(c) Float
(b) Settle
(d) None of these
7. Hirsute
(a) Bald
(c) Shaggy
(b) Bearded
(d) None of these
8. Hedonism
(a) Epicureanism
(c) Puritanism
(b) Debauchery
(d) None of these
9. Hors d'oeuvre
(a) Meal
(c) Starter
(b) Appetiser
(d) None of these
10. Homely
(a) Unpretentious
(c) Attractive
(b) Loftiness
(d) None of these

ANSWERS

1.	c	2.	z	3.	b	4.	a	5.	a
6.	b	7.	a	8.	c	9.	a	10.	c

- **Iconoclast** (n) (رديت ڪرڻ، انڪار ڪرڻ) A person who does not respect conventional ideas, who attacks established beliefs or customs
Synonyms: Cynic, Denouncer, Radical, Revolutionist
Antonyms: Conformist, Orthodox
Though he is modern, we cannot call him an iconoclast because he still respects his culture and traditions, and his father's conventional ideas.
- **Idolater** (n) (مڱهه پوڄي ڪندڙ) An admirer
Synonyms: Follower, Aficionado, Fan
Antonyms: Contrary, Opposing
The numerous idolaters of Elvis Presley gathered from all over the country on the occasion of his seventy-fifth birth anniversary and sang and danced to his songs long into the night.
- **Idyllic** (Adj.) (ريگي) Relating to a pleasant (almost ideal) phase of one's life, usu. in a peaceful, non-urban environment
Synonyms: Bucolic, Charming, Picturesque, Rustic, Unspoiled
Antonyms: Bad, Disagreeable, Flawed, Imperfect
The doctor advised me to spend a week on a hill station, saying that the idyllic setting would be a big relief for me from the stressful environment I was working in.
- **Ignite** (v) (جلائڻ، آڱر ڪرڻ) To cause to burn, To catch fire
Synonyms: Enkindle, Inflame, Arson
Antonyms: Extinguish, Douse, Smother
Because of the high temperature and atmospheric pressure in the underground oil rig, the fuel can sometimes ignite on its own.
- **Ignoble** (Adj.) (ريگيل، ذليل، ناڪارو) Dishonourable, Something to be ashamed of
Synonyms: Base, Vile, Ignominious
Antonyms: Noble, Honourable
Don't expect me to be a part of your ignoble idea of skipping the class to watch a movie!
- **Ignominy** (n) (بزدلي، ڇوٽي، ڇوٽي) A state of shame or dishonour. Also, an act of shameful behaviour
Synonyms: Baseness, Disgrace, Lowness, Meanness, Sordidness
Antonyms: Fame, Regard, Respect
The Lake Landers had to bear the ignominy of six consecutive defeats in the county baseball tournament, until they finally managed to win their seventh outing against the Juvors.
- **Ignoramus** (Adj.) (نادان، ڇٽو، اٽائي) Ignorant person
Synonyms: Dolt, Dimwit, Imbecile, Moron, Numbskull
Antonyms: Clever, Shrewd, Brain, Genius

He's a complete ignoramus as far as a computer is concerned – far from operating it, he does not even know how to switch it on.

- **Illustrious (Adj.)** (مشہور، ممتاز) Famous, Widely admired
Synonyms: Legendary, Renowned, Prominent, Distinguished
Antonyms: Ascetic, Abstinent, Austere
Who can forget the illustrious name of Abdus Sattar Edhi, whose selfless service to mankind are Hugely admired.
- **Imbecile (n)** (غیر عقلی، احمق) Mentally weak, foolish
Synonyms: Asinine, Backward, Deranged, Inane, Ludicrous
Antonyms: Brainy, Intelligent, Smart
He used to be one of the most intelligent boys of the class, but the accident he met with a month back has made him an imbecile; he can't even solve a simple arithmetic question now.
- **Imbroglio (n)** (پچیدہ اور پریشان کن صورت حال) Confusing or embarrassing situation. Also, a misunderstanding
Synonyms: Entanglement, Quagmire, Dilemma, Predicament
Antonyms: Agreement, Peacemaking
The imbroglio between the two Indian states over the sharing of the water of a river that flows through them has remained unsolved for the past several years now.
- **Imbue (v)** (جگھڑنا) Fill with feelings, qualities or opinions
Synonyms: Impregnate, Ingrain, Inoculate, Permeate, Pervade
Antonyms: Drain, Take Out
As the eldest son in the family, he was imbued with a deep sense of responsibility when his father passed away.
- **Immaculate (Adj.)** (بے داغ، بے عیب) Spotless, Clean and unspoiled
Synonyms: Stainless, Untainted, Faultless
Antonyms: Sullied, Despoiled
He came for the meeting dressed in an immaculate brown suit, in stark contrast with the casual jeans and T-shirts that I usually saw him in.
- **Immanent (Adj.)** (موجود، باطنی) Inborn, Inherent
Synonyms: Inborn, Indwelling, Inherent, Intrinsic
Antonyms: External, Extrinsic, Incidental, Learned
He's never been to an acting school – his skills in acting are totally immanent.
- **Immense (Adj.)** (بہت وسیع، عظیم) Extremely large in size or degree
Synonyms: Enormous, Mammoth, Colossal, Gigantic
Antonyms: Minute, Minuscule, Infinitesimal, Little
All his teachers had asked him to give up as he was very weak in studies; but within a month he showed an immense improvement in his studies and passed the exam with flying colours.
- **Imminent (Adj.)** (غیر بے وقت، قریب آنے والا) About to happen shortly, That which cannot be delayed or avoided
Synonyms: Impending, Looming, Forthcoming, Approaching
Antonyms: Passed, Happened

The tension along the border of the two countries had risen significantly over the past few months, and some analysts were predicting that a full scale war was imminent.

- **Immobile (Adj.)** (غیر متحرک، ساکن) That which cannot move or be moved
Synonyms: Inactive, Stationary, Static
Antonyms: Mobile, Itinerant
Both plants and animals are living and many of their biological processes are similar, but one significant difference between them is that whereas animals can move from one place to another, plants are immobile.
- **Immune (Adj.)** (مستثنیٰ، محفوظ، مامون) Unable to be harmed because of special properties in oneself. Also, specially protected
Synonyms: Impervious, Invulnerable
Antonyms: Susceptible, Vulnerable
Though people often criticize his way of ruling, he doesn't get perturbed by such criticisms; he seems to be immune to all sorts of criticisms.
- **Immure (v)** (قید کرنا) Imprison, Shut someone away from home
Synonyms: Incarcerate, Entomb, Imprison, Seclude
Antonyms: Liberate, Free, Release
The hostages were immured in a dark, poorly-ventilated room, and as the days passed, their hopes of release grew fainter.
- **Immutable (Adj.)** (غیر متغیر، غیر مبدل) That which cannot be changed, Unchangeable
Synonyms: Invariable, Permanent, Perpetual, Sacrosanct, Stable
Antonyms: Mutable, Changeable, Variable
There are certain things that can be changed according to the situations and needs, but some of the things are so immutable that they have to be accepted as they are.
- **Impair (v)** (کمزور کرنا، ناقص بنانا) To weaken or worsen
Synonyms: Blight, Deteriorate, Abate
Antonyms: Fortify, Strengthen
He was very efficient and hardworking, but prolonged illness has badly impaired his efficiency, he cannot even do half the amount of work he used to.
- **Impale (v)** (کوئی تیز نوکدار چیز ٹوکنا) To pierce or fix with a pointed object
Synonyms: Lance, Perforate, Pierce, Prick, Spike
Antonyms: Mend, Fill
The cruel hunters had impaled the dead deer with spears, and held their kill high up in the air as if in celebration.
- **Impalpable (Adj.)** (تمثیلی، تصوراتی) Which cannot be felt, touched or understood
Synonyms: Nonexistent, Imaginary, Insubstantial, Intangible
Antonyms: Palpable, Flagrant, Conspicuous
I was surprised to learn that earthquakes are a very frequent phenomenon and occur in our country almost every day, but most of them are so small in magnitude that they are totally impalpable.

- **Impartial (Adj.)** (بی طرف) Not biased, Fair
Synonyms: Neutral, Independent, Unprejudiced, Unbiased
Antonyms: Partial, Biased
 Even though the murderer was his son, the king gave his judgement absolutely impartially, stating that his son should get the punishment he deserved.
- **Impassable (Adj.)** (غیر گزرنا) Which cannot be travelled over or crossed
Synonyms: Impenetrable, Blocked, Clogged
Antonyms: Accessible, Reachable
 The smaller route we used to take to reach the station was impassable because of heavy rain the previous night, so we had to take the longer route.
- **Impasse (n)** (تھوک، جھجھکی) Point at which it's not possible to move or develop further, Deadlock
Synonyms: Stalemate, Deadlock, Standoff
Antonyms: Agreement, Breakthrough
 The negotiations were not getting anywhere and the two parties were heading towards a state of impasse, neither willing to compromise on their basic terms.
- **Impassive (Adj.)** (بی حس، غیر جڑ) Dull and expressionless. Also, without feeling
Synonyms: Stolid, Stoical, Imperturbable
Antonyms: Demonstrative, Effusive
 While all the others were celebrating their victory over their rivals, Kashif alone stood impassive, showing no expressions.
- **Impeccable (Adj.)** (بے عیب، نیک) Flawless, Free from blame or fault
Synonyms: Unblemished, Immaculate, Perfect, Unimpeachable
Antonyms: Messy, Cluttered, Flawed
 Though people believed him to be of an impeccable character, nobody knew that he had once been a petty thief, and had often been to prison.
- **Impecunious (Adj.)** (غریب، محنت) Having little or no money, Poor
Synonyms: Indigent, Penurious, Impoverished
Antonyms: Prosperous, Wealthy
 Starting his career as an impecunious clerk living in a small, one-room house, he toiled hard and slowly went up the company hierarchy to become the vice president.
- **Impede (v)** (رکاوٹ بننا) To get in the way of or slow down movement of
Synonyms: Obstruct, Encumber, Fetter, Impede
Antonyms: Assist, Support, Facilitate
 As soon as it was known that the trains had met with an accident, a rescue team was sent to the spot, but the rescue operation was impeded by heavy rainfall and bad weather.
- **Impel (v)** (دھکیں، تھپکے) To take action
Synonyms: Foment, Force, Goad, Induce
Antonyms: Dissuade, Repress, Slow

- I didn't want to go against him, but his repeated threats to impel me to lodge a complaint against him.
- **Impending (Adj.)** (قریب الائق، ناگزیر) About to happen soon, Approaching
Synonyms: Imminent, Looming, Menacing, Ominous
Antonyms: Distant, Later, Never, Remote
 As soon as the residents of the apartment heard there was a possibility of an impending earthquake, they rushed down the building and gathered in an open ground.
- **Impenetrable (Adj.)** (تاقابل دخول، سمجھ سے بالاتر) Not able to be pierced or entered, Beyond understanding
Synonyms: Inscrutable, Impervious, Impermeable
Antonyms: Penetrable, Permeable, Porous
 The impenetrable darkness inside the cave prevented us from entering it; it was just not possible for us to see anything and move forward.
- **Impenitent (Adj.)** (ناپشیمان، ذمہ) Not sorry for a wrongdoing
Synonyms: Avaricious, Barbarous, Ruthless, Sanguinary, Savage
Antonyms: Ashamed, Guilty, Remorseful
 He's not just impenitent for what he has done, I think he firmly believes that he did the right thing by not attending class without informing anyone.
- **Imperative (Adj.)** (لازمی، ناگزیر، ضروری) Absolutely necessary, Urgent, Critically important
Synonyms: Clamorous, Compulsory, Indispensable, Crucial, Importunate
Antonyms: Secondary, Unnecessary, Voluntary, Trivial
 The matter was so imperative that the chairman called an urgent meeting of all the senior managers as soon as he heard about it.
- **Imperceptible (Adj.)** (تاقابل ادراک) Not noticeable because of smallness or slowness
Synonyms: Evanescent, Imponderable, Inconspicuous, Subtle
Antonyms: Fine, Gradual, Impalpable
 The movement of the magician's hand was barely imperceptible to any of us in the audience, but it was a good enough signal for his assistant to come on the stage.
- **Imperial (Adj.)** (شاہی، شہانہ) Like an emperor, Related to an empire or a ruler
Synonyms: Domineering, Majestic, Royal, Sovereign, Stately
Antonyms: Common, Ordinary, Undignified
 There was a time when Britain was an imperial power, ruling over almost the whole world.
- **Imperious (Adj.)** (حاکمانہ) Commanding, Expecting obedience
Synonyms: Domineering, Haughty, Authoritative
Antonyms: Obsequious, Sycophant
 While he himself is quite humble and obedient, his wife is equally imperious; she demands obedience from all.
- **Impermeable (Adj.)** (غیر نفوذ پذیر) That does not permit the passage of fluids
Synonyms: Impervious, Inscrutable, Impenetrable
Antonyms: Porous, Penetrable

The boots are made of an impermeable material so that no liquid can pass through it and infect the skin.

- **Impertinent (Adj.)** (گستاخ، تیز) Rude, Not respectful
Synonyms: Impudent, Insolent, Meddlesome, Presumptuous
Antonyms: Polite, Refined, Respectful
 While Aslam is very polite and respectful to his friends and elders, his brother Akram is quite impertinent; nobody believes that they are real brothers.
- **Imperturbable (Adj.)** (بردم) Remaining calm and composed in difficult or confusing situations, Not disturbed easily
Synonyms: Impassive, Complacent, Disimpassioned, Equanimous
Antonyms: Hysterical, Perturbable, Touchy
 He showed remarkable imperturbability in the most pressurizing of situations, and the panel was convinced that he was the right candidate for the demanding job.
- **Impervious (Adj.)** (نقوذ، نفوذ ناپذیر) Not allowing anything to pass through, Incapable of being damaged or distressed
Synonyms: Impenetrable, Inscrutable, Impermeable
Antonyms: Porous, Penetrable, Permeable
 Totally impervious to the harsh criticism from most parts of the world, the Taliban leaders in Afghanistan went ahead with the demolition of Buddhist statues in their country.
- **Impetuous (Adj.)** (عجلہ باز، بے پردا) Acting without thought, tending to take immediate action
Synonyms: Impulsive, Furious, Vehement
Antonyms: Cautious, Circumspect, Considerate, Reflective
 He now regrets the impetuous decision he took; had he given it a fair thought before, he wouldn't have suffered so much.
- **Impetus (n)** (عزم، محرک) That which encourages action, Incentive, Moving force
Synonyms: Impulse, Stimulus, Momentum, Faction
Antonyms: Block, Check, Hindrance
 After the long day's hard work, the campaigners were very tired and had decided to give up, but seeing the TV cameras being trained towards them gave them a fresh impetus, and they started campaigning again.
- **Impiety (n)** (عدم تقویٰ، ناپاکی) Lacking respect and reverence, usu. for God
Synonyms: Impudence, Flippancy, godlessness, heresy
Antonyms: Belief, Godliness, Piety, Religion
 During the Dark Ages in Europe, the church often exerted its authority by accusing an artist of impiety towards Christianity and destroying his work.
- **Impinge (v)** (شاید اثر کرنا) To have a strong effect or influence on
Synonyms: Encroach, Influence, Infringe, Intrude, Invade
Antonyms: Avoid, Dodge
 Problems like population, pollution, unemployment, child labour, etc. have been greatly impinging on every aspect of our lives.

- **Impish (Adj.)** (شریل) Mischievous
Synonyms: Naughty, Devilish, Fiendish
Antonyms: Beatific, Behaved, Subdued
 The little child gave me an impish smile as he mischievously ran away with the candy lying on my table.
- **Implacable (Adj.)** (سکون ناپذیر، بے رحم) Incapable of being pacified, That which cannot be satisfied or soothed
Synonyms: Fastidious, Merciless, Callous, Ruthless
Antonyms: Merciful, Generous, Sympathetic
 On her father's funeral, Stella was implacable and continuously in tears; everyone present knew how attached she had been to her father.
- **Implausible (Adj.)** (ناپسندیدہ، محال) Unlikely, Not seeming true
Synonyms: Questionable, Suspicious, Dubious
Antonyms: Feasible, Practicable
 Though in the beginning the task assigned to us looked implausible, we soon realized that with good and hard-working people, it was possible to carry out, and could be completed within a week's time.
- **Implement (v)** (تائذ کرنا) Put into effect, Carry out
Synonyms: Execute, Employ, Enforce, Impose
Antonyms: Withdraw, Retract
 The circular states that even though our suggestions are accepted by the committee, they will be implemented only after a month.
- **Implicate (v)** (ملوث کرنا، الجھانا) To prove someone's involvement, usu. in an unlawful act
Synonyms: Incriminate, Inculpate, Accuse, Blame
Antonyms: Defend, Pardon, Support
 Though Ashfaq has denied all the charges of his involvement in his brother's murder, one of the witnesses claims to have a letter implicating his involvement in the same.
- **Implication (n)** (اشارہ، دلالت) Something hinted at or suggested, Something implied
Synonyms: Proposition, Allegation, Connotation, Insinuation
Antonyms: Reality, Truth
 Though she never said so directly, I got a feeling from her words that her implication was that they might be headed for a divorce.
- **Implicit (Adj.)** (مضمر، پوشیدہ) 1. Understood, but not directly stated 2. Complete and unquestioning
Synonyms: Inevitable, Inferential, Inferred, Latent, Practical
Antonyms: Explicit, Specific
 1. It is in the final stanza of the poem that the poet has conveyed his implicit feelings about the injustice of the British rule.
 2. I have implicit trust in him -- I know that he will not do anything to betray my trust.
- **Implore (v)** (منت حاجت کرنا) Beg earnestly for
Synonyms: Entreat, Beseech, Supplicate, Importune
Antonyms: Disclaim, Recall, Refuse

He is very sorry for being so rude to her in the party; now he has decided to go to her and implore her forgiveness.

- **Importune** (v) (اچھاؤں یا درخواستوں سے پریشان کرنا، رقی کرنا) To make repeated and forceful requests for something, usu. in an annoying, inconvenient way
Synonyms: Implore, Invoke, Nag, Persuade, Pester
Antonyms: Refuse, Abandon, Retract, Annul
 The nasty part about being a tourist is that you are importuned for money by beggars and pedlars alike the moment you step into the market area.
- **Imposter** (n) (دغا باز، فریبی، بہرینا) Someone who assumes a false identity
Synonyms: Swindler, Charlatan, Spurious, Fraud
Antonyms: Genuine, Original
 The whole village believed him to be a policeman, and it was only after a year when he was arrested by the police that they came to know that he was an imposter.
- **Impotent** (Adj.) (نامرد، ناتوان) Weak, Powerless, Lacking in sexual power
Synonyms: Powerless, Futile, Incapable, Bungling
Antonyms: Virile, Powerful
 While he was asked to take a small dosage of the medicine to improve his vitality, he was warned against its over-dosage, which could have an adverse effect, and make him impotent.
- **Impound** (v) (قبضہ کرنا، ضبط کرنا) To take possession by law, confiscate legally
Synonyms: Imprison, Restrain, Enclosure, Sequester
Antonyms: Give, Offer
 His passport has been impounded by the police so that he cannot leave the country till he is cleared of the charges of financial irregularities.
- **Impoverished** (Adj.) (مفلّس، غریب) Poor
Synonyms: Penurious, Indigent, Impecunious
Antonyms: Wealthy, Well-off
 Most poor people in India are unable to rise above their impoverished states because of lack of awareness, illiteracy, and a tendency of wealth to attract wealth.
- **Imprecation** (n) (بردعا، گالی) A curse, Word spoken as an abuse
Synonyms: Expletive, Nuisance, Malediction, Profanities
Antonyms: Compliment, Praise
 He spontaneously let out an offensive imprecation in front of his parents when their car was hit by a stone thrown from the pavement.
- **Impregnable** (Adj.) (ناتقابل، غیر) That which cannot be entered or taken by force
Synonyms: Invulnerable, Unassailable, Invincible, Impregnable
Antonyms: Tenuous, Vulnerable
 It was because of the negligence and unfaithfulness of his own people that his great kingdom, which was otherwise impregnable, was taken by force by his rival.

- **Impresario** (n) (منتظم) A producer or manager of a performance esp. an opera or concert company.
Synonyms: Director, Show-person, Sponsor
Antonyms: Actor, Writer
 A leading theatrical impresario from Pakistan, Sohail Ahmad has not only written and directed several plays, he has also actively been involved in the making of several commercials.
- **Impressionable** (Adj.) (اثر قبول کرنے والا، سادہ لوح) Easily influenced
Synonyms: Susceptible, Vulnerable, Gullible
Antonyms: Cunning, Shrewd
 It is important to make a child learn something at an impressionable age, rather than at an age when he cannot be influenced and his ideas cannot be changed.
- **Impromptu** (Adj.) (برجستہ، فی البدیہہ) Done without preparation
Synonyms: Accidental, Improvised, Offhand, Spontaneous
Antonyms: Rehearsed, Deliberate
 Though caught unawares when he was asked by the principal to deliver an impromptu vote of thanks at the end of the performance, he managed himself commendably and spoke really well.
- **Impropriety** (n) (غیر موزونیت) An act which is not proper or suitable in the circumstances
Synonyms: Indecency, Faux pas, Gaffe, Gaucherie, Goof, Vulgarity
Antonyms: Propriety, Suitability, Elegance
 To yawn in public without covering your mouth is considered to be a social impropriety.
- **Improvident** (Adj.) (عاقبت نااندیش، فضول خرچ) Person who does not provide for the future. Hence, someone who wastes money
Synonyms: Extravagant, Lavish, Prodigal, Unthrifty, Wasteful
Antonyms: Careful, Miserly, Provident, Thrifty
 He is now repenting his improvident ways -- had he been more careful with money when he was earning well, he would not have faced such difficult conditions now.
- **Improvise** (v) (موقع کی مناسبت سے فوراً عمل کرنا) To do or make something on the spur of the moment, as the situation arises
Synonyms: Concoct, Contrive, Slapdash, Spark
Antonyms: Devise, Plan, Premeditate
 The actor has a great talent for improvising a scene as the shooting is on; many of his best scenes have several unrehearsed nuances in them.
- **Imprudent** (Adj.) (غیر محتاط، کٹھاندیش) Lacking caution, Thoughtless
Synonyms: Indiscreet, Temerarious, Injudicious, Irresponsible
Antonyms: Cautious, Discreet, Prudent
 None of the boys in the class is as imprudent as Ali is; his carelessness is sure to have a bad effect on his result.
- **Impudent** (Adj.) (گستاخ، بے ہاک) Rude and disrespectful
Synonyms: Impertinent, Insolent
Antonyms: Embarrassed

His impudent behaviour at the party when he slapped the humble waiter in front of everybody put off most people.

- **Impugn** (v) (امراض کرنا) To question or raise doubts about (someone's) behaviour, qualities etc.
Synonyms: Inveigh, Contradict, Traverse, Zap, Zing
Antonyms: Flatter, Praise
The doctor's reputation was sullied when his abilities as a surgeon were impugned in an article in the press.
- **Impunity** (n) (استثنا) Acting without any fear of punishment
Synonyms: Exemption, Immunity, Permission, Privilege, Security
Antonyms: Liability, Imprisonment, Incarceration
The terrorists struck with impunity, totally without fear of the security forces, and decimated human lives and property at will.
- **Inadvertent** (adv) (غیر ارادی، اتفاقی) By accident, Done without intention
Synonyms: Feckless, Thoughtless, Unintentional, Unpremeditated, Unwitting
Antonyms: Attentive, Deliberate, Intentional, Planned
Though his mother thought that Ali had broken the flower-vase purposely, his father knew that he inadvertently hit the vase while playing in the hall.
- **Inalienable** (Adj.) (نا قابل انتقال) That which cannot be rightfully taken away or transferred
Synonyms: Irrevocable, Inviolable, Inbred, Natural, Sacrosanct
Antonyms: Alienable, Changeable, Impermanent, Transitory
The maid has been with us for nearly twenty years and has become an inalienable part of the family.
- **Inane** (Adj.) (اقص، بے وقوف) Extremely stupid, Senseless
Synonyms: Vacuous, Unintelligent, Empty-headed, Gormless
Antonyms: Wise, Pragmatic
At first his remarks seemed totally inappropriate and even inane, but slowly I began to see the thread of logic and reasoning in what he was saying.
- **Inanimate** (Adj.) (بے جان، روکھا کچا) Not living, lifeless
Synonyms: Motionless, Quiescent, Soulless, Spiritless
Antonyms: Vivacious, Animate, Living
It was amazing to see how the magician could make some of the inanimate objects, like tables and chairs, move as if they were living.
- **Inarticulate** (Adj.) (بہم، غیر واضح) Not expressed clearly, Unclear speech
Synonyms: Mumbling, Obscure, Reticent, Stammering, Vague
Antonyms: Articulate, Communicative
When it comes to expressing his emotions, he is hopelessly inarticulate and just cannot convey what he wants to.
- **Inaugurate** (v) (افتتاح کرنا) Start, Initiate, Install
Synonyms: Instate, Introduce, Launch, Originate
Antonyms: Close, End, Stop, Uninstall

With great fanfare, the hospital was inaugurated in the village about eight months ago, but it has been totally dysfunctional since then because there are no doctors willing to work here.

- **Incandescent** (Adj.) (تپان، روشن، چمکانا) Glowing with heat, Shining brightly, Strikingly bright
Synonyms: Effulgent, Fulgent, Luminous, Phosphorescent, Radiant
Antonyms: Sinister, Faint
On the morning of the wedding, she had an incandescent glow on her face that expressed her quiet confidence and her inner beauty.
- **Incantation** (n) (جادو، سحر، جادو) Singing or chanting of magic spells, Magical formula
Synonyms: Abracadabra, Bewitchment, Mumbo-Jumbo, Voodoo
The old woman practiced witchcraft, and was often heard reciting incantations, which she believed would keep the evil spirits away.
- **Incapacitate** (v) (ناکار بنانا) Disable, Render incapable or unfit
Synonyms: Maim, Paralyze, Prostrate, Weaken
Antonyms: Facilitate, Mobilize, Permit
The worker badly hurt his right leg in the accident and was incapacitated for nearly six months.
- **Incarcerate** (v) (قید کرنا، بند کرنا) Imprison, To keep someone away from routine life, as if in prison
Synonyms: Immure, Resrain, Confine, Constrain
Antonyms: Unfetter, Unshackle
Not even six months had passed since he was released from incarceration when he was charged of another robbery and sent back to prison.
- **Incarinate** (Adj.) (جسم یا فضا) In physical form, rather than in the form of an idea
Synonyms: Externalised, Manifested, Materialised, Physical, Tangible
Antonyms: Theoretical, Hypothetical, Speculative
With the kind of inhuman treatment they meted out to the prisoners of war, the Nazi generals can only be described as devils incarnate.
- **Incarnation** (n) (جسم، نمود، مثال) Act of assuming a human body and human nature
Synonyms: Embodiment, Personification, Appearance, Materialisation
Antonyms: Spiritual
The old saint believes that in his previous incarnation, he was a king, and that in his next birth, he will be a king again.
- **Incendiary** (adj. & n) (آتش گیر، تیز آگیز) Designed to cause fire. Hence, tending to cause trouble or rouse passions
Synonyms: Seditious (i.e. J.), Arsonist, Agitator (n)
Antonyms: Benevolent, Generous
The police had arrested three persons, carrying some incendiary devices; they had planned to blow up the theatre.
- **Incense** (v) (غیر کرنا، ناراض کرنا) Anney, Make angry
Synonyms: Infuriate, Exasperate, Madder, Irritate
Antonyms: Pacify, Soothe

She was incensed by his rude and mean behaviour at the party, now she has decided to break with him.

- **Incentive** (n) (ترغیب، تحریک) An encouraging force, Motivating power
Synonyms: Inducement, Enticement, Motivation, Stimulation, Encouragement
Antonyms: Hindrance, Obstacle, Encumbrance
 At the time when the whole world seemed to have discouraged her, just a three-word phrase from her father, 'Don't give up, acted as an incentive for her to start her career once again.
- **Inception** (n) (ابتداء، آغاز) Beginning
Synonyms: Inauguration, Instigation, Foundation, Establishment
Antonyms: Termination, Cessation, Impasse
 The boys had been working very hard on the project since its inception, but now that they are near its completion, they are a bit tired.
- **Incessant** (Adj.) (ستوار، مسلسل) Continuous over a long period of time, Unstopping
Synonyms: Uninterrupted, Persistent, Continual, Ceaseless
Antonyms: Interrupted, Intermittent, Sporadic
 We've been facing incessant rainfall for the last three days and many areas in the town are flooded.
- **Inchoate** (Adj.) (ابتدائی، نیمہ پختہ) Just begun, Not fully formed
Synonyms: Rudimentary, Elementary, Embryonic, Formless
Antonyms: Developed, Grown, Mature
 It had been just six months since I had migrated to Egypt, and my knowledge of Arabic was rather inchoate and inaccurate.
- **Incidental** (Adj.) (انقائے) Happening or existing in connection with something else that is more important
Synonyms: Minor, Negligible, Complementary, Insignificant
Antonyms: Important, Momentous, Significant
 The company was not supposed to give him any travelling allowance for his personal work, however, he was entitled to receive the incidental expenses of the business trips, which he often made in connection with the latest developments in his company.
- **Incinerate** (v) (جلا کر خاک کرنا، پھونک دینا) Reduce to ashes, Consume by fire
Synonyms: Blaze, Burn, Combust, Consume, Cremate
Antonyms: Cool, Extinguish, Quench, Smother
 In the poem 'Chicago', the poet calls the city of Chicago 'the incinerator of the nation', where all the rubbish is brought and finally burnt causing lot of pollution in the atmosphere.
- **Incipient** (Adj.) (ابتدائی، مراحلی) Beginning, In an initial stage
Synonyms: Initial, Embryonic, Maturing, Opening
Antonyms: Ultimate, Concluding
 The doctor told the patient that the disease could not be cured as it had reached its final state, had he come to him when the disease was in its incipient stage, he could have saved him.

- **Incisive** (Adj.) (کٹی لپٹی کے بغیر، براہ راست اصل موضوع کو چھونے والا) Going directly to the main point of the matter that is being considered
Synonyms: Trenchant, Acute, Perceptive, Insightful
Antonyms: Monotonous, Tedious, Dreary
 I did not have much idea of the controversy raging around the construction of the dam until I saw the incisive documentary on the subject telecast on BBC a few days back.
- **Incite** (v) (ایجاد، اکساتنا) Arouse to action, Provoke
Synonyms: Goad, Ignite, Entice, Stimulate
Antonyms: Pacify, Appease, Placate
 The policeman, instead of preventing the crime, was seen as himself inciting the criminal elements to indulge in the illegal activities.
- **Inclement** (Adj.) (خست، ناہریان) Not favourable, Harsh (usu. of weather)
Synonyms: Turbulent, Squally, Tempestuous, Jagged
Antonyms: Encouraging, Favourable, Heartening
 Almost all the flights were delayed by four hours because of the inclement weather conditions.
- **Incline** (n & v) (جھکاؤ، چکنا، ڈھلوان) Bend, Slope, Slant
Synonyms: Prompt, Sway, Bias, Drive, Favour
Antonyms: Decline, Discourage
 In the beginning, I was determined and had decided to go to Karachi, but his constant arguments inclined me to change my mind and I stayed back.
- **Incognito** (adj. & adv) (پہچان سے لپٹے ہوئے، بہرہ) With a hidden identity, Assuming a false identity
Synonyms: Undercover, Namelessly, Clandestinely, Surreptitiously
Antonyms: Overt, Observable, Unconcealed
 Fearing that she would be hounded by the press as well as the general public, the famed Hollywood actress decided to travel to India incognito.
- **Incoherent** (Adj.) (غیر مربوط، بے ربط) Displaying inability to express oneself clearly, without suitable links between ideas and thoughts
Synonyms: Breathless, Confused, Disconnected, Irrational, Jumbled
Antonyms: Coherent, Intelligible, Understandable
 The disease has got worse and is now affecting his brain making him completely incoherent; he cannot even express his feelings in words.
- **Incompatible** (Adj.) (ناسازگار، متضاد) Not suitable to be together with another thing or person
Synonyms: Mismatched, Irreconcilable, Divergent, Contradictory
Antonyms: Suitable, Compatible
 In any case, both the suggestions cannot be implemented together, they are mutually so incompatible that the implementation of one would prevent that of the other.
- **Incongruous** (Adj.) (بے آہنگ، غیر مطابق) Strange or inappropriate, in relation to the surroundings
Synonyms: Divergent, Extraneous, Fantastic, Unpredictable
Antonyms: Compatible, Congruous, Consistent,

His new house stands incongruous in that old locality; the house he has built is modern whereas all the other houses are old-fashioned.

- **Inconsequential (Adj.)** (بے نتیجہ، غیر اہم) Insignificant, Unimportant
Synonyms: Irrelevant, Exiguous, Immaterial, Wimpy, Worthless
Antonyms: Relevant, Considerable, Important, Significant
 The students realized that the cultural program they were planning to organize was not so big an event and that it was too inconsequential to invite the President as the chief guest on the occasion, so they invited their former Principal as the chief guest.
- **Inconsistency (n)** (عدم تسلسل) State of being self-contradictory, Lack of uniformity or steadiness
Synonyms: Contrariety, Deviation, Incongruity, Paradox
Antonyms: Consistency, Normality, Regularity, Standard
 Whatever the witness said in the stand today is inconsistent with his previous statement; he did not confess seeing the murderer in his first statement, but now he says that he was with him but was not involved in the murder.
- **Incontrovertible (Adj.)** (ناقابل تردید، مسلمہ) Impossible to disprove, Not open to question
Synonyms: Accurate, Authentic, Established, Irrefutable, Undeniable
Antonyms: Controversial, Problematic, Uncertain, Variable
 Despite what seemed like incontrovertible evidence against her, Ms. Avesha maintained that she was not involved in the burglary at the Lahore residence.
- **Incorporate (v)** (مخلوط کرنا، اکٹھا کرنا) Introduce something into a larger whole, Combine, Unite
Synonyms: Amalgamate, Assimilate, Coalesce, Consolidate
Antonyms: Divide, Segregate, Separate
 Initially they had refused even to listen to his suggestions, but after much persuasion, when he managed to present his views to them, they decided to incorporate his suggestions in their plan.
- **Incorporeal (Adj.)** (غیر جسمی، غیر مادی) Lacking a material body
Synonyms: Disembodied, Ghostly, Intangible, Spiritual
Antonyms: Tangible, Corporeal, Substantial
 He is a master at writing ghost stories, and his latest story is about a mysterious incorporeal being, not visible to anyone, frequently visiting a patient on his death bed.
- **Incorrigible (Adj.)** (ناقابل اصلاح) Very bad and beyond correction, Incurably bad or depraved
Synonyms: Persistent, Inoperable, Ingrained, Entrenched
Antonyms: Curable, Manageable
 Greg is such an incorrigible liar that in spite of being punished several times for lying, he just refuses to speak the truth.
- **Incredible (Adj.)** (ناقابل یقین) Too strange to be believed
Synonyms: Mindboggling, Mindboggling, Astonishing, Extraordinary, Incongruous
Antonyms: Banal, Ordinary, Normal

After three years of research, the scientist came up with an incredible theory that the dinosaurs had not originated on the earth but were alien beings.

- **Incredulous (Adj.)** (بے اعتقاد، شک) Showing disbelief, Sceptical
Synonyms: Disbelieving, Questioning, Incredulous, Cynical
Antonyms: Gullible, Credulous
 The scientist was incredulous to see that the liquid in the beaker had changed colour on its own.
- **Increment (n)** (افزادہ، ترقی) An increase in value, usu. monetary value
Synonyms: Addition, Augmentation, Increase, Raise
Antonyms: Decrease, Deduction, Shrinkage
 The company, being satisfied and happy with his sincere and hard work, decided that there should be an increment in his monthly wages.
- **Incriminate (v)** (تہمیت لگانا، عتاب کرنا) Charge with crime, Accuse
Synonyms: Implicate, Allege, Blame, Inculpate, Indict
Antonyms: Absolve, Exculpate, Exonerate
 Though everybody knew that Walter was the only person who could kill his brother, but there being no incriminating evidence against him, the court had to acquit him.
- **Incrustation (n)** (کھردھرائی، کھردھ) Hard outer covering, Material that forms a layer or crust over something
Synonyms: Encrusting, Covering, Edge, Encrustation
Antonyms: Centre, Inner
 Because of the dampness, incrustations of calcium carbonate had formed over the walls of the cave, causing them to become slippery.
- **Incubate (v)** (تفویض کرنا، پرورش کرنا) 1. Keep eggs warm till they are hatched 2. Plan an idea over a period of time
Synonyms: Hatch, Nurture, Produce, Brew
Antonyms: Reject, Decline
 The couple incubated the idea of opening a development centre for children with disabilities for several months between themselves, and finally decided to move ahead with the proposal.
- **Inculcate (v)** (تعلیم دینا، سکھانا) Fix (ideas etc.) in the mind
Synonyms: Urge, Impress, Implant, Infuse
Antonyms: Contest, Counter, Oppose
 The reason he succeeds in every sphere of life is that his parents have inculcated him with hard-work and the will to succeed.
- **Incumbent (Adj.)** (واجب، ضروری) 1. Resting upon a person as a moral obligation, or as necessary under the circumstances
Synonyms: Binding, Compelling, Necessary, Urgent
Antonyms: Voluntary, Convincing, Obligatory
 Since his father had not been keeping well, he felt it incumbent upon him to help in the family business.

- **Incumbent (n)** (کسی مہمہ یا سیاسی منصب پر فائز) A person who holds an office or performs official duties
Synonyms: Occupant, Official
Antonyms: Waiting
The incumbent Prime Minister will face some difficult times as soon as he takes charge: the biggest problem he faces is to reconcile the conflicting interests of the various coalition members.
- **Incur (v)** (قرض و غیرہ لینا، منہ کرنا) Bring on oneself, Receive something as a result of one's actions
Synonyms: Catch, Contract, Draw, Earn, Obtain
Antonyms: Reimburse, Confer
Since there were no experienced employees and the Managing Director himself was a beginner, the company incurred heavy losses in the first year.
- **Incursion (n)** (حملہ، چڑھائی) Hostile invasion, Sudden attack
Synonyms: Sortie, Foray, Invasion, Assault
Antonyms: Defence, Resistance
As soon as the army came to know about the incursion of the enemy into their territory, they came into action and pushed them back bravely.
- **Indefatigable (Adj.)** (ان تھکے) Not showing any signs of tiredness
Synonyms: Unflagging, Remorseless, Inexorable, Unrelenting
Antonyms: Exhausted, Tired
Though the weather was very hot and they had already covered a distance of more than ten miles through the desert, the group of young monks kept on moving indefatigably without resting.
- **Indelible (Adj.)** (ان سے محو نہیں ہو سکتا) That cannot be rubbed out, Not able to be erased
Synonyms: Ineradicable, Stubborn, Permanent, Obstinate
Antonyms: Flexible, Bendable
Those years of my early childhood, when my father did not have enough money to send my brother to school, taught me the value of money and have left an indelible impression on me.
- **Indemnify (v)** (تلافی کرنا، پانہ ادا کرنا) To pay, or promise to pay, in case of loss or damage
Synonyms: Compensate, Reimburse, Assure, Guarantee, Insure
Antonyms: Charge, Seize, Take, Withhold
It was all because of the driver's sheer negligence that the car hit the pole; he will have to indemnify for the damages now.
- **Indenture (v & n)** (معاہدہ کے ذریعے کسی کا ملازم بنانا) Bind as servant or apprentice to master
Synonyms: Arrangement, Compact, Contract, Deed
Antonyms: disagreement, Dissimilarity
Unable to pay off his debts to the land owners, many landless peasants were forced to indenture themselves to the landowners without getting anything in return.

- **Indeterminate (Adj.)** (غیر متعین، غیر محدود) Uncertain, Not clearly fixed, Indefinite
Synonyms: Undetermined, Imprecise, Vague, Lithe
Antonyms: Determinate, Definite
Although the club has decided to go ahead with the proposed trip to Ireland, the date for the trip is still indeterminate; the moment it is finalised, all the members will be informed.
- **Indict (v)** (کسی جرم کا الزام لگانا، ملوث کرنا) Make a formal accusation against, to charge with a wrong, offense or short coming
Synonyms: Prosecute, Arraign, Accuse, Charge
Antonyms: Absolve, Acquit, Exonerate
Three people have been indicted by the judge for manufacturing and selling spurious medicines.
- **Indifferent (Adj.)** (بے پرواہ، تعلق نہیں) Unmoved, Unconcerned
Synonyms: Unresponsive, Apathetic, Blasé, Impervious
Antonyms: Concerned, Fretful
While the whole class was listening to the lecture with interest and attention, Steven was sitting quite indifferently.
- **Indigenous (Adj.)** (مکلی، مقامی، دیسی) Originating or belonging naturally to a particular place, Native
Synonyms: Native, Aboriginal, Inhabitant, Resident
Antonyms: Alien, Foreigner
The botanists were surprised to see that, in spite of different weather conditions of India and Siberia, the plant which was considered indigenous to Siberia, was also found in India.
- **Indigent (Adj.)** (محتاج، مفلس) Poor, needy
Synonyms: Penniless, Destitute, Impecunious
Antonyms: Prosperous, Affluent, Wealthy
Unable to live with his extreme poverty any longer, the indigent beggar decided to end his life and his miseries.
- **Indignant (n)** (غصہ، برہم) Expressing or feeling anger at an injustice
Synonyms: Acrimonious, Annoyed, Exasperated, Fuming, Furious
Antonyms: Gleeful, Happy, Pleased
In spite of his unfair dismissal from the office, he did not express his indignation over it; he quietly left the office without saying a word.
- **Indignity (n)** (توقین، ذلت) Insulting treatment, A situation in which one feels offended or not respected
Synonyms: Embarrassment, Mortification, Humiliation, Ignominy
Antonyms: Admiration, Approbation, Esteem
Bruce had to suffer the indignity of being called a sissy in front of his girlfriend, and he was too shocked to react.
- **Indiscriminate (Adj.)** (بلا امتیاز، یکساں) Not thinking or planning in advance, and suffering harm as a result. Also, choosing at random and without any logic
Synonyms: Random, Chaotic Unconsidered, Uncritical, Variegated
Antonyms: Methodical, Particular, Selective, Systematic

The indiscriminate felling of trees on the slopes of those mountains in order to extract the mineral resources from the mountains is an ecological disaster of the highest order.

- **Indisposed** (Adj.) (تیار، ناخوش) 1. Not feeling well 2. Not willing to do something
Synonyms: Ailing, Infirm, Sick, Under the weather, Unwell
Antonyms: Healthy, Well
 1. She rang up saying that she is indisposed and will not be coming for the class today.
 2. For fear of being called a coward, Jason did not express his indisposition to the plan of not attending class in order to watch a movie.
- **Indisputable** (Adj.) (ناقابلِ اعتراض) That cannot be questioned, Beyond doubt
Synonyms: Indubitable, Incontrovertible, Irrefutable, Unarguable
Antonyms: Disputed, Controversial
 With the huge successes of Russel Crowe's previous three films and his Oscar nomination, his position as one of the leading Hollywood stars is indisputable.
- **Indissoluble** (Adj.) (ناقابلِ تحلیل) That which cannot be separated or broken up (or dissolved), Lasting
Synonyms: Binding, Enduring, Firm, Imperishable, Lasting
Antonyms: Dissoluble, Ephemeral, Perishable
 The bond of friendship between the two friends had seemed indissoluble while they were at college, so it is a little hard to believe that they have not even kept in touch with each other for the last so many years.
- **Indite** (v) (تحریر کرنا، تصنیف کرنا) Compose, Put in writing
Synonyms: Write, Dictate, Pen
Antonyms: Speak
 According to the law of this country, a will has to be indited on legal stationery and endorsed in a court of law as a legal document before it can be considered valid.
- **Indolent** (Adj.) (کامل، سست) Lazy, Avoiding exertion, Disliking physical activity
Synonyms: Slothful, Shiftless, Sluggish, Apathetic
Antonyms: Industrious, Diligent
 It was not just the students who were looking bored and uninterested, even the teacher seemed quite indolent about doing her job.
- **Indomitable** (Adj.) (برکس، ناقابلِ تسخیر) Unconquerable, Too strong and brave to be discouraged
Synonyms: Invincible, Obstinate, Pertinacious, Resolute, Ruthless, Staunch
Antonyms: Conquerable, Unstable, Weak, Yielding
 None could challenge his indomitable courage; so brave he was that he could face the whole army even if he were left alone in the battlefield.
- **Indubitable** (Adj.) (غیر مشتبہ) Unquestionable, That cannot be doubted
Synonyms: Indisputable, Undisputed, Definite, Categorical
Antonyms: Contentious, Controversial, Litigious

Though the professor's authority on the subject is indubitable, I sometimes feel that his knowledge about it is too theoretical and bookish.

- **Induce** (v) (ترغیب دینا، تائید کرنا) Persuade, Bring about, Prevail on
Synonyms: Influence, Tempt, Provoke, Promote
 The only job of the institute, famous for preparing candidates for interviews, was to induce enough confidence in the candidates to be able to face any situation with a cool mind.
- **Indulgent** (Adj.) (ترغیبات) 1. Allowing others to do or have what they want
 2. Someone who allows oneself to have whatever one wishes
Synonyms: Generous, Tolerant, Benevolent, Lenient
Antonyms: Abstemious, Moderate, Teetotal
 1. I have not known a more indulgent father than him, he lets his two children have whatever they wish.
- **Indurate** (Adj.) (سخت، بڑا) Hardened, physically or morally
Synonyms: Amalgamate, Anneal, Strengthen, Temper
Antonyms: Bending, Flexible, Pliable
 Spending eight years in hostel had made him extremely indurate and self-reliant; he did not find it too difficult to adjust in any circumstance.
- **Industrious** (Adj.) (مجتہد، محنتی) Diligent, Hard-working
Synonyms: Assiduous, Diligent, Conscientious, Meticulous
Antonyms: Slothful, Sluggish, Apathetic
 The success of the company can be attributed to the hard work of its employees; they are so industrious that they often work from morning to evening without even taking a break.
- **Inebriated** (Adj.) (محمور، مست) Consuming too much alcohol, Totally drunk
Synonyms: Intoxicated, Befuddled, Buzzed, Crooked
Antonyms: Sober, Straight
 Though in the beginning he was somewhat in his senses, but as he took one drink after the other, he was so inebriated that his friends had to drop him at his place.
- **Ineffable** (Adj.) (ناقابلِ بیان) Too wonderful to be described in words, Which cannot be expressed in speech
Synonyms: Indescribable, Inexpressible, Transcendent, Ethereal, Heavenly
Antonyms: Definable, Describable
 My joy at having been selected for the job from among twenty candidates was ineffable; I just did not have the words to describe it.
- **Ineffectual** (Adj.) (بے اثر، بے فائدہ، لاعامل) Not effective, Unable to produce the desired results
Synonyms: Incompetent, Futile, Mediocre, Inept
Antonyms: Effective, Efficient
 He tried his best to come out of the whirlpool, but all his efforts proved to be ineffectual as the current of the water was too strong to be opposed.
- **Ineluctable** (Adj.) (ناگزیر، نوشتہ دیوار) Against which it is useless to struggle, Impossible to escape from
Synonyms: Inescapable, Inevitable, Unavoidable
Antonyms: Avoidable, Preventable

He soon realized that the python's grip was ineluctable; it was futile to apply strength and he must think of something else fast.

- **Inept (Adj.)** (غیر مہارت والا) Lacking skill, Unsuitable, Incompetent
Synonyms: *Maladroit, Gauche, Halting, Clumsy Bungling*
Antonyms: *Virtuoso, Maestro, Prodigy*
 Had it not been for the clumsy handling of the situation by the inept vice-president, we would surely have won the deal.
- **Inequity (n)** (نا انصافی) Unfairness
Synonyms: *Discrimination, Unevenness, Disparity, Unfairness*
Antonyms: *Righteousness, Fairness, Rectitude*
 Unable to withstand the inequity of being discriminated against because of his abnormally small height, the young man decided to leave the city and lead a secluded life in a place where no one would recognize him.
- **Inert (Adj.)** (غیر متحرک جامد) Lacking the strength or power to move, Inactive
Synonyms: *Sluggish, Slow, Impotent, Lethargic*
Antonyms: *Active, Vigorous, Energetic, Dynamic*
 That dog has been lying inert in that position for more than an hour now, I think something's seriously wrong with it.
- **Inevitable (Adj.)** (ناگزیر، حتمی) Unavoidable, Certain to happen
Synonyms: *Predictable, Unavoidable, Predestined, Anticipated*
Antonyms: *Uncertain, Indecisive, Tentative*
 Since both the parties envied each other, an argument was inevitable when both were called together for the conference.
- **Inexorable (Adj.)** (بے رحم، سخت) Whose effects or actions cannot be changed by one's efforts, Who cannot be persuaded to act in a different way
Synonyms: *Unalterable, Insistent, Indisputable, Predestined*
Antonyms: *Changeable, Variable, Unfixed*
 Ageing is one of those inexorable realities that one cannot really fight against, the best one can do is to keep oneself healthy so as to age with grace and fitness.
- **Inextricable (Adj.)** (الٹا ہوا، پیچیدہ) 1. From which it is impossible to get free 2. Those which are permanently linked and which cannot be separated.
Synonyms: *Complex, Intricate, Involved, Perplexing, Tangled*
Antonyms: *Loose, Movable, Unattached, Unfixed*
 For a majority of the Indians living in villages, it is virtually impossible to get out of the inextricable grip of poverty and backwardness.
- **Infallible (Adj.)** (بے خطا، بے چوک) Incapable of being wrong, That which cannot fail
Synonyms: *Unerring, Omniscient, Perfect, Reliable*
Antonyms: *Erring, Fallible, Faulty, Imperfect*
 In defence of himself, he said that his memory is not infallible and he may not have correctly recalled each and every word of what the priest had told him.
- **Infamous (Adj.)** (مذہور، بدنام) Known for negative reasons, Notorious
Synonyms: *Disreputable, Villainous, Impious, Iniquitous*
Antonyms: *Eminent, Distinguished, Renowned*

Other than the infamous Monica Lewinsky affair which had almost cost him the presidency, Bill Clinton had a reasonably illustrious eight years in office.

- **Infantile (Adj.)** (بچکانہ، طفلانہ) Childish, Immature
Synonyms: *Puerile, Juvenile, Adolescent, Young*
Antonyms: *Mature, Adult, Established*
 I had never expected such infantile behaviour from you all -- I thought you were grownups!
- **Infer (v)** (افتد کرنا، نتیجہ نکالنا) To make a judgement based on something, Form an opinion from something
Synonyms: *Construe, Conclude, Conjecture, Surmise*
Antonyms: *Suppose, Presume, Expect*
 Nothing was clearly evident from his reply, but from what we could infer from it, he was not really interested in the deal.
- **Infernal (Adj.)** (جہنمی، شیطانی) 1. Extremely unpleasant, Terrible 2. Like, or related to, hell
Synonyms: *Devilish, Accursed, Chthonian, Malicious, Monstrous*
Antonyms: *Benevolent, Compassionate, Benign*
 1. For almost a week after the earthquake destroyed the city, the survivors were living in infernal conditions in small, ill-equipped tents that were just not sufficient to protect them from the bitter cold.
- **Infidelity (n)** (کفر، زنا، دھوکا دینا) Not being faithful (esp. in marriage)
Synonyms: *Betrayal, Faithlessness, Inconstancy, Perfidiousness, Treachery*
Antonyms: *Faithfulness, Fidelity, Loyalty*
 Looking at the many infidelities he has committed in their eight years of marriage, I am not surprised that they have decided to separate.
- **Infiltrate (v)** (غنیہ طور پر داخل ہونا) To go into or pass through something without being noticed
Synonyms: *Foist, Insinuate, Penetrate, Permeate*
Antonyms: *Leave, Withdraw*
 Showing extraordinary courage, the young soldier managed to infiltrate the enemy camp, gather some vital information, and return to the army headquarters.
- **Infinitesimal (n)** (نہایت چھوٹا) Very small
Synonyms: *Minute, Minuscule, Insignificant, Microscopic*
Antonyms: *Significant, Gigantic*
 The doctor affirmed that the drug contained only an infinitesimal amount of alcohol and will not in any way harm the child.
- **Infirmity (n)** (کمزوری، ضعف) Weakness of the body or mind
Synonyms: *Ailment, Confinement, Debilitation, Debility, Vulnerability*
Antonyms: *Healthiness, Robustness, Soundness, Strength*
 The old man had come to the clinic in an advanced stage of infirmity; he was so weak that he could not walk properly even with the help of a stick.
- **Inflated (Adj.)** (مفرد، پھولا ہوا) Increased to a high level, sometimes falsely
Synonyms: *Pompous, Pretentious, Snobbish, Egotistical*
Antonyms: *Slothful, Minimised*

- The lawyer said that the accused had artificially inflated the value of his building so that he could claim a higher amount of insurance money.
- **Influx (n)** (تجسبوت) 1. Sudden arrival in great numbers 2. Inflow
Synonyms: Convergence, Incurtion, Inflow, Inundation, Penetration
Antonyms: Departure, Disappearance, Leave
The last decade has seen an unprecedented influx of people from the villages into this city, leading to the many problems that the city is facing.
 - **Infraction (n)** (خلاف ورزی) Breaking of a rule or law, Violation
Synonyms: Infringement, Breaking, Error, Faux pas
Antonyms: Obedience, Compliance, Conformity
The judge decreed that the executive's action was an infraction of his authority and made the company liable for penalty.
 - **Infringe (v)** (قانون یا معاہدہ توڑنا) To go against a law or take over the right of another
Synonyms: Violate, Break, Disobey, Obtrude, Transgress
Antonyms: Comply, Discharge, Obey, Observe
The Lahore traffic police have designated certain areas in the city as Zero-tolerance Zones where even a minor infringement of the traffic rules is liable to be punished.
 - **Infuriate (v)** (اشتعال دینا، غصہ دلانا) To make extremely angry, Enrage
Synonyms: Enrage, Irritate, Madden, Antagonise
Antonyms: Pacify, Appease, Placate
Not able to hide his infuriation at the delay in the bank, the old man lashed out against the functioning of the bank.
 - **Ingenious (Adj.)** (تلقین، ہوشیار) Clever, Resourceful, esp. at making or inventing things
Synonyms: Adroit, Nimble, Dexterous, Adept
Antonyms: Maladroit, Incompetent
Because of financial constraints, they had to think of ingenious ways to promote their film, which included staging street plays near the theatres where the film was being screened.
 - **Ingénue (n)** (مضموم لڑکی، وہ اداکارہ جو ایسا کردار ادا کرے) An actress playing the role of a girl or young woman in a play, film etc. Also, a girl or young woman of simplicity or innocence
Synonyms: Starry Eyed, Innocent, Honest
Antonyms: Audience, Fan
Noor was nominated for the Best Actress for the brilliant portrayal of a naïve ingénue in Rishtay Movie.
 - **Ingenuous (Adj.)** (سادہ فہم، ناسمجھ) Unsophisticated, Inexperienced, Naïve
Synonyms: Guileless, Innocent, Natural, Outspoken
Antonyms: Disingenuous, Deceitful, Dishonest
Despite the evidence, he still ingenuously believes that his friend could not have betrayed him.
 - **Ingest (v)** (گھٹنا، معدہ میں داخل کرنا) To swallow food etc.
Synonyms: Consume, Devour, Digest, Down, Drink,
Antonyms: Evade, Spew, Vomit

- She is not able to ingest a medicine pill by swallowing it, so the doctor had no option but to give her an injection.
- **Ingrained (Adj.)** (پختہ، راسخ) Deeply established, Firmly rooted
Synonyms: Inveterate Embedded, Entrenched, Implanted
Antonyms: Added, Extra,
The belief that the role of a married woman is restricted to being a good house keeper is still ingrained in traditional Indian society.
 - **Ingratiate (v)** (منصور نظر کرنا) Bring (oneself) into a person's favour, esp. to gain advantage
Synonyms: Captivate, Flatter, Grovel, Kowtow, Truckle
Antonyms: Deter, Disgust, Repel
His primary objective since joining this company has been to ingratiate himself with the top bosses so as to win their favour and subsequently, a promotion.
 - **Inherent (Adj.)** (پیدا کی، اصل) Present naturally as a part of something, Not thought of as separate
Synonyms: Intrinsic Innate, Inborn, Natural
Antonyms: Extrinsic, Extraneous, Gained, Imported, Outer
Setting up a business venture has some inherent financial risks, but the rewards are also accordingly greater.
 - **Inhibit (v)** (رکھنا، منع کرنا) Prevent, Restrict, Hold back
Synonyms: Forbid, Prohibit, Proscribe
Antonyms: Encourage, Catalyse
Being exposed to an environment of intense competition in an early age can inhibit the natural growth of a child, and can even lead to severe learning disabilities.
 - **Inimical (Adj.)** (دشمن، مخالف) Very unfavourable, Unfriendly, Harmful
Synonyms: Hostile, Detrimental, Injurious, Disadvantageous
Antonyms: Amiable, Friendly, Cordial
Though excessive regulation of the visual media by the government can be inimical to creative expression, some degree of control is at times essential in a society which is in the process of opening up.
 - **Inimitable (Adj.)** (بے نظیر، ناقابل نقل) Matchless, Not able to be copied or reproduced
Synonyms: Peerless, Exceptional, Unparalleled, Unsurpassed
Antonyms: Compatible, Attuned, Ordinary
Sylvester Stallone is known for his own inimitable style of dialogue delivery, in which he appears to be merely mumbling the words to himself.
 - **Iniquitous (Adj.)** (بے انصافی، ناانصافی) Very unjust or wicked, Unrighteous
Synonyms: Nefarious, Despicable, Disreputable, Reprehensible
Antonyms: Faithful, Staunch, Trustworthy
For several years, the Indian economy was governed by an iniquitous system of licences and permits, which favoured a selected group of industrialists at the cost of the others.

- **Initiate** (v) (شروع کرنا، آغاز کرنا) 1. Begin, Originate 2. Introduce someone into a group, club etc.
Synonyms: Instigate, Commence, Prompt
Antonyms: Terminate, Finish, Close
After facing a lot of pressure from several lobbies, the government has finally initiated an inquiry into the Benazir Bhutto murder case, in which the son of a former senator is supposedly involved.
- **Inkling** (n) (خفیہ سا علم، اشارہ) Hint, Slight knowledge or suggestion
Synonyms: Suspicion, Insinuation, Intimation, Indication
Antonyms: Concrete, Solid, Thing
Though he had said that he would be coming to Detroit, I have no inkling of his exact plans as to when he is reaching here.
- **Innate** (Adj.) (جینی، پیدا کی) That which someone was born with, Inborn
Synonyms: Inborn, Natural, Intrinsic, Instinctive
Antonyms: Acquired, Extrinsic, Learned
He has a remarkable innate sense of direction; he can find his way in an unfamiliar place without any difficulty.
- **Innocuous** (Adj.) (بے ضرر، غیر مضر) Harmless, Not injurious
Synonyms: Inoffensive, Protected, Innocent, Bland
Antonyms: Malignant, Offensive
What began as an innocuous interest in listening to rock music soon took the shape of a dangerous obsession, so much so that he has now been complaining of problems in hearing.
- **Innovation** (n) (اختراع، جدت) Change, Introduction of something new
Synonyms: Modernisation, Modification, Newness
Antonyms: Custom, Habit, Old
The 3M company is known for its high innovation abilities -- all the employees are geared towards inventing or creating something unique which can be marketed as a new product.
- **Innuendo** (n) (اشارہ، رمز) An unpleasant and indirect remark
Synonyms: Insinuation, Implication, Allusion, Hint
Antonyms: Admiration, Adulation, Flattery, Praise
That newspaper article seems to be planted by his opponents -- it contains several unfair and unproven innuendoes about him, most of them relating to his personal life.
- **Inopportune** (Adj.) (بے موقع، بے گل) Untimely, Unsuitable because of poor timing, Poorly chosen
Synonyms: Inauspicious, Inconvenient, Malapropos, Mistimed, Troublesome
Antonyms: Appropriate, Auspicious, Ok, Opportune, Suitable
Donald's shoulder injury has come at the most inopportune time for the South African cricket team, as they are scheduled to play an important series against Australia next month.
- **Inordinate** (Adj.) (غیر محدود) Beyond reasonable limits, Excessive
Synonyms: Extortionate, Extravagant, Gratuitous, Outrageous, Supererogatory
Antonyms: Moderate, Reasonable, Warranted

- His inordinate love for music was one of the main reasons for his poor performance in the final examinations.
- **Inquest** (n) (تفتیش) An official inquiry into a crime, usu. a murder
Synonyms: Inquisition, Probe, Quest, Research
Antonyms: Conclusion, Findings
The official inquest into the Benazir murder case went on for almost six months, and the report at the end of it did not have anything new to say.
 - **Inquisition** (n) (پازگی) An inquiry, usu., without much regard to the rights of the people being questioned
Synonyms: Inquiry, Interrogation, Investigation, Trial
Antonyms: Answer
The player accused of match fixing was subjected to an inquisition by the intelligence agency, which lasted for over eight hours.
 - **Insatiable** (Adj.) (بے مبر، تریش) Not easily satisfied, Inordinately greedy
Synonyms: Unquenchable, Voracious, Wanting, Rapacious, Ravenous
Antonyms: Fulfilled, Pleased, Satiated, Satisfied
He could go to any extent to fulfil his insatiable appetite for power -- without any concern for the welfare of the people around him.
 - **Inscrutable** (Adj.) (ادراے اور راک) Very difficult to understand
Synonyms: Unfathomable, Enigmatic, Sphinx-like, Impenetrable
Antonyms: Easy, Comprehensible, Uncomplicated
Her face was totally bereft of any expression, except for an inscrutable smile that did not convey anything.
 - **Insensate** (Adj.) (غیر حس، بے درد) 1. Showing lack of human feeling 2. Without sense or reason, stupid, foolish
Synonyms: Inanimate, Insentient
Antonyms: Susceptible, Perceptive
He takes other people's feelings and distress so lightly that at times I feel that he is largely insensate to their sufferings.
 - **Insensible** (Adj.) (بے شعور، نا بچھ) 1. Unconscious 2. Unaware 3. Unable to have feelings (esp. pain)
Synonyms: Numb, Obdurate, Oblivious, Torpid, Unaware,
Antonyms: Sensible, Conscious
In another example of his insensibility towards his children, he has never even bothered to look at their report cards.
 - **Insentient** (Adj.) (بے حس، بے جان) Inanimate, lacking physical sensation
Synonyms: Exanimate, Extinct, Non-vegetable, Quiescent, Soulless
Antonyms: Compassionate, Feeling
Only an insentient person like him could have treated the children so badly when they came asking for help.
 - **Insidious** (Adj.) (فریبی، عیار، غدار) Secretly harmful, Causing harm gradually and without being noticed
Synonyms: Crafty, Deceitful, Ambiguous, Arcane, Cabalistic, Enigmatic
Antonyms: Comprehensible, Evident, Intelligible, Obvious, Plain

The insidious disease has afflicted him for the past several years and has been harming his internal organs without his even getting to know about it.

- **Insight (n)** (بصیرت، ویدان) 1. Clear understanding of something 2. The ability to understand the true nature of a situation
Synonyms: Acumen, Intuition, Judgment, Perspicacity, Sagaciousness
Antonyms: Ignorance, Stupidity
The programme on migratory birds telecast last night on the Discovery Channel gave a wonderful insight into the amazing direction sense of these birds.
- **Insinuate (v)** (مخفی طور پر اشارہ کرنا) To suggest slightly or indirectly, hint. Also to introduce or work gradually in a subtle or indirect way.
Synonyms: Connote, Imply, Intimate, Purport
Antonyms: Conceal, Hide, Withhold
The chairman's speech at the Annual General Meeting of the company had the explosive insinuation that the president of the company has been secretly siphoning off the company funds for his personal use.
- **Inspid (Adj.)** (بے مزہ، بے لطف) Lacking in flavour, Dull, Lifeless, Uninteresting
Synonyms: Tasteless, Anaemic, Arid, Banal, Innocuous, Jejune,
Antonyms: Flavourful, Savoury
The performance of the actors in the play was so inspid and lifeless that we decided to walk out of the theatre during the interval.
- **Insolent (Adj.)** (گستاخ، بے ادب) Rude, Showing disrespectfulness
Synonyms: Impudent, abusive, arrogant, brazen,
Antonyms: Courteous, Polite, Respectful, Servile
Enraged at the insolent and offensive behaviour of the two students, the teacher walked out of the class.
- **Insolvent (Adj.)** (ذیوالیہ) Unable to repay one's debts, Bankrupt
Synonyms: Bankrupt, Unbalanced, Undone, Wiped out
Antonyms: Moneyed, Rich, Solvent, Wealthy
Driven into insolvency because of poor demand for its products, the company had to sell off all its assets to repay its debts.
- **Insomnia (n)** (بے خوابی) Sleeplessness, Inability to sleep
After suffering for almost eight years, he was finally cured of insomnia by an herbal medicine, and is now able to have a sound sleep.
- **Insouciance (n)** (بے فکری، بے پرواہی) State of being carefree and unconcerned
Synonyms: Lethargy, Passiveness, Stoicism, Detachment
Antonyms: Passion, Sensitivity, Sympathy, Warmth
I had expected him to be quite upset when I told him the news, so I was rather taken aback when he reacted with such insouciance as if nothing had happened.
- **Instigate (v)** (آکسانہ، اشتعال دلانا) 1. To provoke or encourage to do something wrong 2. Start or be responsible for starting
Synonyms: Incite, Prompt, Initiate, Activate
Antonyms: Finish, Close, Pacify
The parents of the child have threatened to instigate legal proceedings against the school for neglecting their child.

- **Insubordinate (Adj.)** (تأمران، سرکشا) Intentionally disobedient, Not willing to take orders
Synonyms: Disobedient, Defiant, Mutinous, Noncompliant
Antonyms: Docile, Obedient
Despite repeated scolding from the teacher for being extremely insubordinate, Yusuf continued to be stubbornly disobedient.
- **Insubstantial (Adj.)** (غیر مادی، بے جسم) Lacking substance, Insignificant
Synonyms: Chimerical, Decrepit, Fanciful, Poor, Tenuous
Antonyms: Significant, Real, Strong, Substantial
The plot of the film was hopelessly insubstantial – even I could have written a more interesting story than this.
- **Insular (n)** (عق نگر) Narrow-minded, Interested only in one's own group or community
Synonyms: Parochial, Bigoted, Circumscribed, Prejudiced, Sequestered
Antonyms: Broad-minded, Unbiased, Unprejudiced
As if the Taliban society was not insular enough, the religious leaders of the state have further separated themselves from the rest of the world by destroying ancient Buddhist statues.
- **Insuperable (Adj.)** (تاقابل گشت) Unbeatable, Which is too difficult to be defeated
Synonyms: Insurmountable, Impossible, Insuperable, Overwhelming
Antonyms: Conquerable, Unstable, Weak, Yielding
His brilliant speech on TV has given him an insuperable lead in the opinion polls over his rival candidate in the race to the presidential elections.
- **Insurgent (Adj.)** (بائی، سرکش) Rising in active revolt, A person fighting against authority in one's own country
Synonyms: Rebellious, Radical, Revolutionary, Mutineer
The insurgents have threatened to split the party if their demand for changing the party vice president is not met within a week.
- **Insurmountable (Adj.)** (تاقابل گشت، تاقابل غلبہ) Overwhelming, Unbeatable
Synonyms: Insuperable, Undefeatable, Mysterious, Overpowering
Antonyms: Conquerable, Unstable, Unsound
The finance minister faces an insurmountable task in balancing the interests of the economy with those of his political stability.
- **Insurrection (n)** (بغارت، قتر) Organised rebellion against the authority
Synonyms: Rebellion, Uprising, Upheaval, Mutiny
Antonyms: Compliance, Obedience, Subordination
This country has seen so many instances of attempts of an insurrection that the news that the President faced yet another coup did not come as a surprise to them.
- **Intangible (Adj.)** (غیر مادی، اشیا) That cannot be touched or felt, yet is real, and therefore difficult to explain
Synonyms: Impalpable, Elusive, Insubstantial, Ethereal
Antonyms: Palpable, Obvious, Conspicuous

The benefits that you would get from this investment probably seem a little intangible as you do not get them immediately, but they are for real nevertheless.

- **Integral** (adj.) (مکمل، سالم) Complete, Necessary for completeness
Synonyms: Fundamental, Indispensable, Essential, Vital
Antonyms: Extra, Additional, Secondary
 The unity of the citizens of a country is an integral part in the country's overall development and progress.
- **Integrate** (v) (تھم کرنا، مکمل کرنا) Make whole, Combine, Make into one unit
Synonyms: Amalgamate, Assimilate, Incorporate, Mingle
Antonyms: Segregate, Disintegrate
 Despite coming from a totally different culture, he has been able to remarkably integrate himself into the Japanese society.
- **Integrity** (n) (سالمیت، دیانتداری، وقار) Having strong moral principles, Uprightness, Honesty
Synonyms: Soundness, Veracity, Morality, Steadfastness
Antonyms: Improbability, Dishonesty
 I think he was finally chosen over all the others because of his unflinching integrity, something that none of the other candidates seem to have.
- **Integument** (n) (غلاف، جلد، کمال) A covering, External coating or skin
Synonyms: Scabbard, Sheath, Shell, Wallet, Wrapping
Antonyms: Body, Core, Interior, Middle
 The body is just a temporary external integument for the soul, which is permanent and beyond the cycle of life and death.
- **Intellect** (n) (خرد، عقل، ذہن) Reasoning, Higher mental powers
Synonyms: Understanding, Cerebration, Comprehension, Savvy, Sense
Antonyms: Ignorance, Inability, Ineptness, Obtuseness
 Only if he had made use of his intellect while investing in that property, he would not have suffered such a heavy loss.
- **Intelligentsia** (n) (دانشور، مفکر طبقہ) The intelligent and educated classes
Synonyms: Genius, Philosopher, Scholar, Thinker
Antonyms: Common man
 It is unfortunate that the intelligentsia of our society, the people who can play a crucial role in mobilising public opinion for the improvement of the society, have detached themselves from the political process of the country.
- **Inter** (v) (دفن کرنا) Bury
Synonyms: Entomb, Inhume, Sepulchre
Antonyms: Exhume, Unearth
 Though many of the soldiers died a heroic death, they had to be interred rather unceremoniously in unmarked graves in the foreign land.
- **Intercede** (v) (مداخلت کی کوشش کرنا، پیش قدمی کرنا) Plead as a peacemaker
Synonyms: Intrude, Negotiate, Plead, Reconcile
Antonyms: Counteract, Harm, Injure, Obstruct

Several religious leaders from all over the world have interceded with the Taliban authorities in Afghanistan to protect the cultural heritage of the country.

- **Interdict** (v) (دوکانہ، منع کرنا) Prohibit, Forbid the use of, Restrain a person from doing something
Synonyms: Proscribe, Enjoin, Inhibit, Outlaw, Prohibit
 The doctor has strictly interdicted him from having any kind of oily food; his diet for the next two months should comprise only boiled food.
- **Interim** (n) (مہوری) Meantime
Synonyms: Temporary, Provisional, Pro Tem, Impermanent
Antonyms: Permanent, Unchanging
 An interim government was set up before the newly elected government could have taken charge of office.
- **Interloper** (n) (مداخلت کار) Intruder, Person who interferes in any activity without proper authority or permission
Synonyms: Trespasser, Gatecrasher, Impostor, Intruder
Antonyms: Insider
 The interloper managed to not only get past the security at the concert gates, he even tried to climb on to the stage and deliver a speech to the audience.
- **Interminable** (Adj.) (ناتناہل، اختتام) Endless, Tediously long
Synonyms: Infinite, Eternal, Incessant, Never-ending
Antonyms: Finite, Mortal
 My neighbour has the annoying habit of breaking into an interminable story about the days when he was younger, and I've had the misfortune of having to listen to the same endless story more than once.
- **Intermittent** (Adj.) (غیر مسلسل، وقفہ دار) Periodic, On and off
Synonyms: Irregular, Discontinuous, Sporadic, Blinking
Antonyms: Constant, Continuous
 Though the weather bulletin on TV had predicted intermittent rainfall for the entire day, it has been continuously raining ever since I woke up this morning.
- **Internecine** (Adj.) (خون ریز، ہاتھ ہاتھ کار) Involving serious disagreement among members of the same group, Mutually destructive or deadly, Harmful to both sides
Synonyms: Domestic, Fratricidal, Internal
Antonyms: Esprit de corps
 The main cause for the downfall of the Muslim empire in India was the internecine warfare amongst the members of the royal family, that let the British take advantage of the situation and gain a foothold in Indian governance.
- **Interrogate** (v) (پازیس کرنا، تفتیش کرنا) Question closely, Cross-examine
Synonyms: Question, Probe, Enquire, Grill
Antonyms: Answer

Though he was interrogated by the Intelligence Bureau for over six hours, he managed to answer all questions with ease, without crumbling under the pressure.

- **Intervene (v)** (مداخلت کرنا) Come between, Occur in the meantime
Synonyms: Interfere, Arbitrate, Intercede, Intrude
Antonyms: Indifferent, Apathetic
 Being a guest in the household, I did not feel it would be right to intervene in the family argument.
- **Intestate (Adj.)** (بی وصیت) Not having made a will before death
Synonyms: Unrepresented, Unaccounted for, Voiceless, Unheard
Antonyms: Testate
 The entire family thought that the old man had died intestate, when it was revealed by the lawyer that he had indeed made a will just a week before he died.
- **Intimate (Adj.)** (قریبی) 1. Having a very close and personal, often sexual, relationship 2. Expert, Detailed and obtained after a lot of research or experience
Synonyms: Buddy-buddy, Cherished, Clubby, Confidential, Cosy
Antonyms: Formal, Incompatible, Unfriendly
 1. The girl could communicate everything to her parents only because they shared a very intimate relationship with her; had they not been so close, she would have been embarrassed.
 2. I wonder from where she managed to get such intimate knowledge of his personal bank accounts, I never thought they were so close.
- **Intimate (v)** (اشارہ کرنا، اطلاع دینا) To suggest or indicate, Make clear one's opinion without stating it directly
Synonyms: Avouch, Connote, Express, Indicate, Insinuate
Antonyms: Refrain, Repress, Suppress, Withhold
 We never received any intimation of his willingness to take up this job, so we assumed that he would not be interested.
- **Intimidate (v)** (ڈرانا، دھمکانا) Frighten, Inspire with fear
Synonyms: Coerce, Terrorise, Threaten, Daunt
Antonyms: Assist, Encourage, Facilitate
 The poor old man was intimidated into refraining from giving evidence against the gang of bank robbers.
- **Intractable (Adj.)** (بے قابو، ضدی) Very difficult to control, manage, or solve, Extremely stubborn
Synonyms: Obdurate, Stubborn, Obstinate, Inflexible
Antonyms: Amenable, Blasé, Nonchalant
 The problem appeared intractable to both Aqib and I, but Amir managed to solve it within five minutes.
- **Intransigent (Adj.)** (ہٹ دھرم، اجتناب پسند) Uncompromising, Not ready to be persuaded
Synonyms: Unyielding, Irreconcilable, Obstinate, Stubborn
Antonyms: Yielding, Acquiescent

The child was becoming increasingly intransigent and always wanted to have his way, so the parents got concerned and decided to consult a child-psychologist.

- **Intrepid (Adj.)** (ہیڈر، ڈر) Fearless, Brave
Synonyms: Heroic, Courageous, Gallant, Valiant
Antonyms: Cowardly, Craven
 The young, intrepid air force officer bravely took his aircraft over the enemy camp and before the enemy could react, came back after dropping two bombs on the camp.
- **Intricate (Adj.)** (پچیدہ، پیچ) Complex, Knotty, Perplexingly entangled
Synonyms: Obscure, Complicated, Convolved, Multifarious
Antonyms: Simple, Uncomplicated, Unproblematic
 The spider has spun an intricate web between the two walls; the fine threads of which gleamed because of the dew that had fallen on it.
- **Intrinsic (Adj.)** (لازمی، جلی) Inherent, Essential, Built-in
Synonyms: Inherent, Elementary, Indigenous, Innate
Antonyms: Extrinsic, Accidental, Acquired
 In the rapidly changing norms of the society, many young people find it very difficult to retain their intrinsic values.
- **Introspective (Adj.)** (درون میں، خود نگاہ) Looking within oneself
Synonyms: Meditative, Pensive, Contemplative, Thoughtful
Antonyms: Disregarding, Negligent, Rejecting
 Towards the end of their lives, many people tend to become introspective, thinking about their good deeds and bad deeds during their lifetime.
- **Introvert (n)** (خود پسند، خود بین) One who is introspective, Inclined to think more about oneself
Synonyms: Brooder, Egoist, Braggart, Egocentric, Egomaniac
Antonyms: Extrovert, Gregarious, Kind
 He is a terrible introvert; it is very difficult to draw him into a conversation, but once he gets drawn, he shows remarkable intelligence.
- **Intrude (v)** (گھسنا، مداخلت کرنا) Trespass, Enter as an uninvited person
Synonyms: Encroach, Infringe, Interfere, Unsolicited
Antonyms: Leave, Withdraw, Abscond
 Though one of the basic tenets of journalism is to not intrude into the personal lives of people, there are hardly any journalists who follow this principle.
- **Intuition (n)** (وجدان، چھٹی حس) Immediate insight, Power of knowing without reasoning, Immediate apprehension by sense
Synonyms: instinct, hunch, perception, premonition, omen
Antonyms: Ratiocination,
 The student had a very strong intuition that he had failed the exam, which was proved correct when the teacher announced the results in class.
- **Inundate (v)** (زیر آب کرنا، غرق کرنا) Overwhelm, Flood, Submerge, Overflow
Synonyms: Overwhelm, Swamp, Engulf, Submerge
Antonyms: Desiccate, Capitulate, Dehydrate

They were inundated with congratulatory and good-luck messages before the inauguration of their new departmental store.

- **Inure** (v) (عادى کرنا، عادی کرنا) Accustom to something unpleasant, get used to
Synonyms: Acclimate, Familiarise, Habituate, Harden
Antonyms: Inexperienced, Abecedarian
 Though he comes from India and loves spicy food, he did not have much trouble in inuring himself to the relatively bland European food when he was in Austria for a company project for six months.
- **Invalidate** (v) (غیر موثر کرنا، ناجائز قرار دینا) To prove wrong, Make something legally incorrect
Synonyms: Annul, Undo, Quash, Overthrow
Antonyms: Validate, Attest
 The expert lawyer had no difficulty in invalidating the witness' feeble claim that he had seen the victim leave his house at midnight of the night the murder happened.
- **Invective** (n) (گالی، گوی، دشنام طرازی) Abuse, Violent attack in words
Synonyms: Diatribe, Tirade, Denunciation, Harangue
Antonyms: Praise, Commend, Eulogise
 The meeting was soon reduced to a platform for venting personal enmities, and invectives, charges and counter charges flew in all directions.
- **Inveigh** (v) (برائے بھلا کہنا) To make a bitter attack in words
Synonyms: Diatribe, Belabour, Admonish, Castigate
Antonyms: Laud, Praise
 During the middle ages, anyone who dared to inveigh against the authority of the church was immediately exiled from the territory.
- **Inveigle** (v) (دروغ بولنا، پھیلانا) To coax or entice by flattery
Synonyms: Cajole, Beguile, Urge, Wheedle
Antonyms: Disenchant, Disgust
 He desperately tried to inveigle his father into buying him a motor cycle, but the father would have none of it.
- **Inveterate** (Adj.) (کهنہ، دیرینہ، گہرا) Long established, Habitual, Deep-rooted.
Synonyms: Accustomed, Innate, Entrenched
Antonyms: Inexperienced, Intermittent, Occasional
 The two families bore an inveterate hatred for each other and the bitterness went back several generations.
- **Invidious** (Adj.) (تاؤدار، نفرت انگیز) Likely to cause ill-will, resentment or hatred.
Synonyms: Objectionable, Offensive, Odious
Antonyms: Satisfying, Gratifying
 He described the plan as invidious, saying that it may solve the immediate problem but is likely to cause a lot of bitterness and resentment among the employees in the long run.
- **Invincible** (Adj.) (غلبہ ناپذیر) Unconquerable
Synonyms: Unbeatable, Indomitable, Impregnable, Indestructible
Antonyms: Vulnerable, Susceptible, Defenceless

The company seemed invincible for as long as it was being headed by the young and dynamic chairman, but since he has been replaced by the former vice president, labour and production troubles have had a devastating impact on its results.

- **Inviolable** (Adj.) (غالب ناپذیر) Secure from corruption, Attack, Violation
Synonyms: Unassailable, Unbreakable, Sacrosanct, Concrete
Antonyms: Breakable, Delicate, Fragile
 The Prime Minister described as inviolable the right of a child to a primary education, and said that under no circumstances can a child be denied this right.
- **Invocation** (n) (دعا، مناجات) Prayer for help, Calling upon as a reference or support
Synonyms: Appeal, Beseeching, Calling, Command, Conjuraton
Antonyms: Disavowal, Disclaimer, Refusal
 When invocations to the state governor for granting amnesty to the prisoner condemned to death did not work, the prisoner's wife took her pleadings to the President of the country.
- **Iota** (n) (تھوڑی مقدار، دانہ) Very small quantity
Synonyms: Atom, Crumb, Grain, Hint, Infinitesimal, Jot, Mite
Antonyms: Entirety, Total, Whole
 I'm absolutely convinced that the plan you have proposed will not work – I don't even have an iota of doubt that the plan is doomed to failure.
- **Irascible** (Adj.) (آتش مزاج) Prone to anger
Synonyms: Choleric, Splenetic, Bilious.
Antonyms: Placid, Cheerful, Happy
 Known for her sharp and irascible temper, the lady of the house was feared by all the attendants of the house.
- **Irate** (Adj.) (ناراض، برص) Very angry
Synonyms: Incensed, Furious, Enraged, Fuming, Exasperated
Antonyms: Pleased, Delighted, Thrilled
 A number of irate customers called up the shopkeeper saying that the washing machines they had purchased over the previous few days were defective.
- **Iridescent** (Adj.) (رنگ و رنگارنگ) Showing colours like those of rainbow, Changing colour with position.
Synonyms: Nacreous, Opalescent, Pearly, Polychromatic
Antonyms: Dark, Colourless, Monochrome
 Watching the sun set into the sea, along with the iridescent play of changing colours of the sea, is one of the most beautiful sights of nature.
- **Irksome** (Adj.) (تاؤدار، مزق کرنے والا) Annoying, Tedious
Synonyms: Tiresome, Infuriating, Exasperating, Irritating
Antonyms: Pleasing, Soothing, Comforting
 After pulling the person out of the well, the man sweated and fumed, saying that was quite an irksome task.

- **Ironic (Adj.)** (عکس آمیز) Resulting in an unexpected and contrary outcome
Synonyms: Incongruous, Paradoxical, Sarcastic, Bizarre
Antonyms: Considerate, Deferential
It is ironic that while a large number of goods are now cheaper to produce than before, fewer people can afford to buy them.
- **Irony (n)** (عکس آمیز) Hidden sarcasm or satire, Expression of one's meaning by language of opposite or different tendency
Synonyms: Paradox, Quip, Raillery, Repartee, Reproach, Ridicule
Antonyms: Consideration, Deference
There was a distinct element of irony in his voice when he said that he owed all that he had achieved to the ways of the corporate world.
- **Irrational (Adj.)** (غیر منطقی) Illogical, Not endowed with reason, Insane
Synonyms: Unreasonable, Specious, Ridiculous, Absurd
Antonyms: Logical, Rational, Reasonable
Though he seems pretty convinced, I think his decision to leave the company to start a business of his own is rather irrational as I don't believe he has the financial acumen to run a business on his own.
- **Irreconcilable (Adj.)** (ناقابل مصالحت) Incompatible, Not able to be resolved
Synonyms: Implacable, Inescapable, Stubborn, Inharmonious, Intransigent
Antonyms: Compromising, Friendly, Reconcilable
The judge granted them a divorce on grounds of irreconcilable differences.
- **Irrefutable (Adj.)** (ناقابل تردید) Indisputable, Inconvertible, Undeniable
Synonyms: Indubitable, Categorical, Unquestionable, Definite
Antonyms: Questionable, Vague, Confusing
On the basis of the irrefutable evidence provided by the lawyer to the court, the judge had no option but to release the accused without any convictions.
- **Irrelevant (Adj.)** (غیر متعلق، فضول) Not applicable, Unrelated, Not to the point
Synonyms: Immaterial, Superfluous, Extraneous, Inappropriate
Antonyms: Pertinent, Relevant
The teacher scolded the students to concentrate on their studies and not spend time on irrational things.
- **Irremediable (Adj.)** (لا علاج) That cannot be remedied, Incurable
Synonyms: Permanent, Irreparable, Irreversible, Lasting
Antonyms: Curable, Reparable
Even the doctors consider it nothing short of a miracle that he has been cured of the disease that they themselves had considered as irremediable and given up hope.
- **Irreparable (Adj.)** (ناقابل عیاض) Not able to be corrected or repaired, That cannot be rectified
Synonyms: Permanent, Irreparable, Irreversible, Lasting
Antonyms: Curable, Reparable

- However hard the government may try to help the victims of the Gujarat earthquake, the loss to the thousands of families whose members perished in the quake is totally irreparable.
- **Irrepressible (Adj.)** (جس کو روکنا یا بند کرنا ناممکن) Unable to be restrained or held back
Synonyms: Unmanageable, Wild, Rebellious, Boisterous
Antonyms: The irrepresible Mr. Sheraz, one of the most vocal members of Parliament, had started shouting slogans against the budgetary proposals even before the finance minister began his budget speech.
 - **Irreproachable (Adj.)** (بے دار، ناقابل ملامت) Blameless, Impeccable
Synonyms: Faultless, Flawless, Immaculate, Ideal
Antonyms: Flawed, Messy, Blemished
Her handling of the situation was absolutely irreproachable; I don't think I could have done it any better.
 - **Irresolute (Adj.)** (متعذب، غیر مستقل مزاج) Undecided, Hesitating
Synonyms: Uncertain, Vacillating, Undetermined, Wishy-washy
Antonyms: Determined, Resolute, Staunch
Even after thinking about it for nearly two months, he was still irresolute about which car to buy.
 - **Irretrievable (Adj.)** (ناقابل بازیافت) Impossible to recover or regain, Irreparable
Synonyms: Irreparable, Permanent, Irrevocable, Severe
Antonyms: Impermanent, Temporary, Stopgap
Because the computer was struck by a virus, the sales data could not be found out as the file was irretrievable.
 - **Irreverence (n)** (بے احترامی، بے ادبی) Lack of proper respect
Synonyms: Disrespect, Derision, Disrespect, Impertinence
Antonyms: Respect, Admiration, Reverence
The board of directors showed irreverence towards the company chairman by not informing him about the meeting.
 - **Irrevocable (Adj.)** (ناقابل ختم) Unalterable, Gone beyond
Synonyms: Irreparable, Permanent, Irrevocable, Severe
Antonyms: Impermanent, Temporary, Stopgap
The contract clearly mentioned that the clause regarding the transfer of copyright was irrevocable, and once the contract has been signed, it cannot be changed without the mutual consent of the parties.
 - **Itinerant (Adj.)** (سیاحت نامہ، رہنمائے سفر والا) A person travelling from place to place (in business)
Synonyms: Peripatetic, Ambulatory, Floating, Gypsy, Journeying
Antonyms: Settled, Permanent
For the first few years of his employment with the company, his status was nothing more than that of an itinerant salesman, moving from one town to another trying to boost the sales of his company's products.
 - **Itinerary (n)** (سیاحت نامہ، رہنمائے سفر) Route, Record of travel, Plan of a trip
Synonyms: Outline, Path, Program, Route, Run, Schedule
Even though the itinerary was made well in advance, the executive could not stick to the original plan because of a last minute contingency.

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST

SYNONYMS

1. **Immutable**
(a) Sacrosanct
(c) Variable
2. **Impetuous**
(a) Circumspect
(c) Cautious
3. **Irascible**
(a) Placid
(c) Choleric
4. **Ignominy**
(a) Sordidness
(c) Devilish
5. **Imperturbable**
(a) Hysterical
(c) Touchy
6. **Incandescent**
(a) Sinister
(c) Phosphorescent
7. **Inconsequential**
(a) Exiguous
(c) Considerable
8. **Inopportune**
(a) Auspicious
(c) Supererogatory
9. **Insurmountable**
(a) Conquerable
(c) Overpowering
10. **Inextricable**
(a) Unattached
(c) Distinguished

- (b) Mutable
(d) None of these

- (b) Impulsive
(d) None of these

- (b) Befuddled
(d) None of these

- (b) Regard
(d) None of these

- (b) Disimpassioned
(d) None of these

- (b) Bewitchment
(d) None of these

- (b) Significant
(d) None of these

- (b) Troublesome
(d) None of these

- (b) Subordination
(d) None of these

- (b) Perplexing
(d) None of these

ANTONYMS

11. **Immaculate**
(a) Despoiled
(c) Irreconcilable
12. **Idyllic**
(a) Picturesque
(c) Bucolic
13. **Indict**
(a) Exonerate
(c) Accuse

- (b) Untainted
(d) None of these

- (b) Disagreeable
(d) None of these

- (b) Prosecute
(d) None of these

14. **Impalpable**
(a) Insubstantial
(c) Conspicuous
15. **Impregnable**
(a) Invulnerable
(c) Impregnable
16. **Incognito**
(a) Unconcealed
(c) Entrenched
17. **Inequity**
(a) Discrimination
(c) Rectitude
18. **Inopportune**
(a) Inconvenient
(c) Auspicious
19. **Intermittent**
(a) Sporadic
(c) Trespasser
20. **Invincible**
(a) Indestructible
(c) Susceptible

- (b) Unprejudiced
(d) None of these

- (b) Vulnerable
(d) None of these

- (b) Surreptitiously
(d) None of these

- (b) Vigorous
(d) None of these

- (b) Extravagant
(d) None of these

- (b) Constant
(d) None of these

- (b) Denunciation
(d) None of these

ANSWERS

1.	a	2.	b	3.	c	4.	a	5.	b
6.	c	7.	a	8.	b	9.	c	10.	b
11.	a	12.	b	13.	a	14.	c	15.	b
16.	a	17.	c	18.	c	19.	b	20.	c

J

- **Jabber** (n & v) (چڑچڑاہٹا، مہمل بکنا) Talk quickly or unintelligibly
Synonyms: Babble, Gibberish, Twaddle, Drivel
Antonyms: Quiet, Sense, Wisdom
 I could not make a word out of his continuous, nonsensical jabbering about the current pop-music scene; even if I were interested in it, I would not have understood anything because he talks just too fast.
- **Jade** (n & v) (یاقوت) A green coloured precious stone, esp. popular in China and the Eastern countries
 The expensive Chinese jade-studded vase was auctioned for Rs.500000.
- **Jaded** (adj.) (خستہ و در ماندہ، تھکا ہارا) Lacking or losing interest because of over-exposure
Synonyms: Fatigued, Spent, Surfeited, Tired
Antonyms: Stimulated, Fresh, Unused
 Initially I used to be very excited about the thought of flying, but frequent air-travel soon made me jaded about it.
- **Jargon** (n) (کسی خاص طبقہ یا پیشہ کے لوگوں کی مخصوص زبان) Mode of speech familiar to only a particular group or profession. Also, translucent, colourless or smoky variety of zircon.
Synonyms: Argot, Vernacular, Dialect
Antonyms: Standard
 Since he is computer illiterate, he cannot understand the computer jargon the professionals use in their talk.
- **Jaundiced** (adj.) (حاسد، مریش، پر تان) Prejudiced, Having a bad opinion about something based on personal experience
Synonyms: Prejudiced, Resentful, Opprobrious, Partial
Antonyms: Unbiased, Impartial
 Having been duped by travel agents twice in the past, he now looks at the claims of even the most reputed travel agent with a jaundiced eye
- **Jaunt** (v & n) (تفریحی سفر) To go on trip, excursion, journey for pleasure
Synonyms: Junket, Pilgrimage
Antonyms: Stop
 The students were jubilant when the teacher told them that they would be going on a jaunt to the Bird Sanctuary; never before had they been on such a trip.
- **Jaunty** (adj. & n) (زندہ دل، الجیلا) Happy and confident
Synonyms: Robust, Virile, Dashing, Sprightly
Antonyms: Depressed, Lethargic, Lifeless
 We could make out from his jaunty strides out of the interview room that he had had a good interview.

- **Jejune** (adj.) (رد مکالمہ، بزمہ) Dull and dry, devoid of interest or satisfaction
Synonyms: Insipid, Vapid, Tedious
Antonyms: Experienced, Initiated, Sophisticated
 His lectures were so jejune that most of the members were seen napping while he was delivering it.
- **Jeopardise** (v) (خطرے میں ڈالنا) Endanger, put at risk
Synonyms: Imperil, Venture, Gamble, Hazard
Antonyms: Guard, Protect, Save
 Your inability to speak fluently may jeopardize your chances of getting through the interview; you must improve your conversational skills.
- **Jeremiad** (n) (تالہ در فیا، رگڑا) Tale of woe
Synonyms: Censure, Condemnation, Denunciation, Diatribe
Antonyms: Commendation, Contentedness, Happiness, Praise
 Everyone in the community had their own set of miseries and problems, so no one was really interested in listening to his jeremiad.
- **Jettison** (v & n) (نذر بحر کرنا، دست برداری) 1. Throw overboard, abandon 2. Dropping of objects to lighten aircraft in flight
Synonyms: Exclude, Discard, Relinquish, Renounce, Scrap
Antonyms: Keep, Hold, Maintain
 The company had to jettison its outdated policies and incorporate new and profitable policies in order to improve the working strategy of the company.
- **Jingoism** (n) (جنگ جویانہ دھن پرستی) The extreme and irrational belief that one's country is always the best, Extreme and imbalanced patriotism
Synonyms: Chauvinism, Ethnocentricity, Nationalism, Zealotry
Antonyms: Fairness, Impartiality, Justness
 Jingoistic feelings among the spectators at the India-Pakistan cricket match are always so high that the security personnel have to be constantly on their guards for fear of violence breaking out on the stands.
- **Jocose** (Adj.) (خوش مزاج، طریف) Given to jokes and jesting, Humorous, Witty
Synonyms: Comical, Facetious, Farcical, Ridiculous
Antonyms: Morose, Serious
 His jocose manner managed to lighten the atmosphere a little, but many people did not really approve of his jokes on such an occasion.
- **Jocular** (adj.) (پہنچانق، طریفانہ) Intended to cause amusement, joking
Synonyms: Jocose, Witty, Facetious, Frolicsome, Jestful
Antonyms: Solemn, Morose, Serious, Unfunny
 I had jocularly commented on her wistful and forlorn looks, but I should have known better; she was in such a foul mood that she just lashed out at me.
- **Joie de vivre** (n) (خوش باشی، خوش طبعی) A feeling of great happiness and enjoyment in life
Synonyms: Cheerfulness, Joviality, Merriment
Antonyms: Depression, Sobriety

He's been to Baltistan many times, and just loves the joie de vivre of the city and its beautiful beaches.

- **Jostle** (v & n) (دنگ مارنا، گھراؤ) To knock or push against, collision
Synonyms: Scramble, Shoulder, Squeeze, Thrust
Antonyms: Build, Construct
 As soon as the match was over, the angry crowd rushed and jostled the players as they were returning to the pavilion; the security had to interfere for the safety of the players who could have been injured.
- **Joust** (n & v) (اسب سوادل کا تیزوں سے لڑنا) A combat, tournament, a personal combat or competition. Hence, to engage in such combat, To compete
Synonyms: Struggle, Dispute, Wrangle, Argue
Antonyms: Agreement, Conformity
 The two game shows, launched on separate TV channels almost simultaneously, jousted for a while for the top position, till the one on the GEO Channel emerged as the clear winner.
- **Jovial** (adj.) (خوش مزاج، مہربان) Good-natured, Merry
Synonyms: Convivial, Jocular, Jocund, Bliithe
Antonyms: Poignant, Dismal
 The children were in a jovial mood when they were told about the picnic the school was going to take them on.
- **Jubilation** (n) (سرور، خوشی) Rejoicing
Synonyms: Exultation, Triumph, Ecstasy
Antonyms: Melancholy, Misery
 Perhaps had we known what the future held we should not have been so jubilant.
- **Judder** (v & n) (شدت سے ہلنا، گھومنا) Shake noisily or violently
Synonyms: Wobble, Shaking, Quivering
Antonyms: Stillness, Motionlessness, Quietness
 The car juddered noisily for a while on the rocky road, when suddenly, one of the wheels came off.
- **Judicious** (adj.) (مدبرانہ، عقلمندانہ) Sound in judgement, Wise, Sensible
Synonyms: Prudent, Expedient, Perspicacious, Profound
Antonyms: Irrational, Nonsensical, Reckless
 With judicious use of the resources available to it, the company was soon able to get back to the path of growth.
- **Juggernaut** (n) (کوئی غالب اور خطرناک طاقت) 1. A large, powerful force or organisation that is difficult to stop 2. A huge, heavy truck
 1. The large mass of people protesting against the government order marched towards the supreme court, soon taking the shape of an unstoppable juggernaut as more and more people joined it.
- **Jumpy** (adj.) (پیشانی) Nervous and anxious
Synonyms: Skittish, Spooked, Tense, Timorous, Excited, Fidgety
Antonyms: calm, collected, composed
 She thought she heard a noise from the basement of the house, and since she was alone, got very jumpy about it.

- **Juncture** (n) (میل، ملاپ، سنگم) Turning point
Synonyms: Contingency, Exigency, Predicament, Quandary
Antonyms: Definiteness, Reality, Surety, Truth
 The negotiations between the two interest groups had reached a crucial juncture when both the sides were basically agreeing to compromise on some of their initial demands.
- **Junket** (n & v) (دعوت، منیات) A banquet, feast or picnic
Synonyms: Expedition, Excursion, Journey, Outing
Antonyms: Stay, Wait
 On the excellent performance of the company, the managing director decided to take all the employees on an all-expenses-paid, three-day junket to Bangkok.
- **Junta** (n) (حکومت بالخصوص فوجی) A government, specially a military one, that has taken power in a country by force
Synonyms: Faction, Group, Convention, Coterie
Antonyms: Entirety, Total, Whole
 The military junta in Pakistan has just announced that the basic rights of the citizens will not be revoked but a new constitution will be adopted.
- **Jurisprudence** (n) (علم قانون، اصول قانون) The science of law and its administration; the system of laws
Synonyms: Constitution, Covenant, Legislation, Mandate
Antonyms: Lawlessness, Transgression, Violation
 The last year has seen several offenses being committed over the Internet, none of which are covered under the existing legal jurisprudence of the country.
- **Justification** (n) (جواز، وجہ) Good or just reason, Defence, Excuse
Synonyms: Repentance, Amends, raison d'être, rationale, sanctification
Antonyms: Criticism, Defiance, Indictment
 If you have decided to take this chance, you better have a good justification for it.
- **Juvenile** (n) (نوجوان، نوجوانی، کم عمری کا) Related to a young person not old enough to be an adult
Synonyms: Young, Immature, Infantile, Adolescent
Antonyms: Mature, Adult
 The increasing incidence of juveniles trying to behave like adults and taking to a life of crime and immorality has shook the social pillars of our society.
- **Juxtapose** (v) (جuxtapose کے لیے پہلو بہ پہلو رکھنا) To put dissimilar things next to each other so as to compare or complete a whole
Synonyms: Appose, Bring near, Bring together, Connect, Pair
Antonyms: Disjoin, Divide, Separate
 Placing the two designs in juxtaposition with each other really brings out the differences between them.

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST

SYNONYMS

1. Joust
(a) Wrangle (b) Agreement
(c) Tedious (d) None of these
2. Jeune
(a) Sophisticated (b) Tedious
(c) Impartiality (d) None of these
3. Jargon
(a) Standard (b) Vernacular
(c) Sense (d) None of these
4. Jaundiced
(a) Unbiased (b) Stop
(c) Resentful (d) None of these
5. Jeopardise
(a) Gamble (b) Protect
(c) Hold (d) None of these

ANTONYMS

6. Junket
(a) Outing (b) Morose
(c) Wait (d) None of these
7. Jeune
(a) Vapid (b) Initiated
(c) Agreement (d) None of these
8. Jingoism
(a) Impartiality (b) Ethnocentricity
(c) Sophisticated (d) None of these
9. Jargon
(a) Standard (b) Argot
(c) Sobriety (d) None of these
10. Jaunty
(a) Despoiled (b) Sprightly
(c) Lethargic (d) None of these

ANSWERS

1.	a	2.	b	3.	b	4.	c	5.	a
2.	c	7.	b	8.	a	9.	a	10.	c

K

- **Kaleidoscope** (n) (کلیڈوسکوپ) which patterns are made by the reflection in mirrors of coloured pieces of glass. Any such colourful patterns
Synonyms: Phantasmagoria, Display, Mixture, Medley, Changing Scene
1. The bazaar was a kaleidoscope of bright colours, enchanting smells, and pleasant sounds.
2. From the top of the building, I got a kaleidoscopic view of the small cars down on the street.
- **Keel** (v & n) (کیل) 1. To cause to turn or tilt 2. Lowest longitudinal timber of vessel, on which framework of the whole is built up
Synonyms: Stumble, Totter, Plunge
Antonyms: Ascend, Increase, Rise
1. He had drunk so much the previous night that he just keeled over when he tried to stand up
- **Ken** (v & n) (کن) Range or sight of knowledge
Synonyms: Consciousness, Grasp, Idea, Impression, Insight, Judgment
Antonyms: Ignorance, Strangeness, Unfamiliarity
So dull and poor he was in mathematics that it was just beyond his ken to understand even the basic principles of geometry.
- **Kennel** (n) (کنل) A small, usu. wooden shelter for a dog
Synonyms: Doghouse, Drain, Enclosure, Dog lodging
She shouted at the little poodle for jumping about the house noisily and the poor dog sulked and went to its kennel.
- **Kernel** (n) (کرنی) Central or vital part of a nut or the whole seed
Synonyms: Core, Seed, Essence, Root
Antonyms: Boundary, Edge, Exterior
While the edible kernels of the almonds were collected in the jar, the hard shells were thrown out.
- **Killjoy** (n) (کیلجیو) One who throws gloom over social enjoyment
Synonyms: Complainer, Dampener, Doomsayer, Grinch, Moaner
Antonyms: Gregarious, Sociable, Partygoer
Don't be such a killjoy, come and join the party!
- **Kindle** (v) (کیلڈ) 1. Start a fire, 2. Inspire
Synonyms: Provoke, Bestir, Stimulate, Enthuse
Antonyms: Bore, Discourage
2. Though he tried his best to deliver an eloquent speech, he failed to kindle much interest among the audience.

- **Kindred** (*v & adj.*) (ایک جیسی خصوصیات والا) (For a person) who has the same opinions, feelings, and interest as you
Synonyms: Allied, Analogous, Cognate, Germane
Antonyms: Irrelevant, Non-corresponding, Unaffiliated
 While the majority of the audience found the classical violin concert too boring, a small group of kindred spirits were enjoying themselves to the hilt.
- **Kitsch** (*n*) (جمل اور نمائندگی ادب) Works of art or decorative objects that are ugly or worthless
Synonyms: Common, Tasteless, Outlandish, Meretricious
Antonyms: Exceptional, Atypical, Incomparable
 The walls of his drawing-room were covered with worthless art objects and paintings that were pure kitsch; it was obvious that his artistic sense was pretty pathetic.
- **Kleptomaniac** (*n & adj.*) (چینی چور) Person who has a compulsive desire to steal
Synonyms: Pilferer, Stealer, Criminal, Shoplifter, Thief
 The people thought him to be a thief when they caught him red-handed while trying to steal jewels, but he was actually a kleptomaniac who himself didn't know what he was doing.
- **Knave** (*n*) (بدریغ شخص) Untrustworthy, Dishonest person
Synonyms: Dishonest, Con man, Charlatan, Phony
Antonyms: Trustworthy, Dependable
 The butler that Shahid had employed turned out to be a knave of the highest order; he made away with valuables worth over 7000 pounds at the first available opportunity.
- **Knoll** (*n & v*) (چٹا پہاڑی) A small, low hill
Synonyms: Embankment, Hummock, Mound
Antonyms: Plain, River
 I could never had thought that he has such little stamina; he was utterly exhausted and panting by the time he reached the top of the knoll, a climb of barely 15 minutes.
- **Knotty** (*Adj.*) (گھڑاوا، الجھاوا) Puzzling, Complicated and difficult to solve
Synonyms: Gnarled, Convoluted, Complex, Tarnished
Antonyms: Undemanding, Unproblematic
 The shrewd journalist tried his best to discomfort the young actress with one knotty question after the other, but she proved to be sharper than he had thought and managed to effectively counter each confusing question.
- **Kohl** (*n*) (کحل، سرمہ) Black powder used by women to darken their eyelids
Synonyms: Eyeliner, Eye shadow, Eye makeup
Antonyms: Lipstick
 In certain tribes in Pakistan, it is compulsory for an unmarried girl to outline her eyes with kohl, so as to look more attractive.

- **Kowtow** (*v & n*) (جھکنا، آداب بجالانا) 1. To show great humility and regard or to treat with obsequious deference 2. Chinese custom of touching ground with forehead as sign of worship or absolute submission
Synonyms: Cringe, Fawn, Flatter, Fold, Genuflect
Antonyms: Fight, Overpower
 He can go to any extent to get a promotion, but I'm just not prepared to kowtow to the boss for it.
- **Kudos** (*n*) (تقشیم، تعریف، ثنائت) Honour, Glory, Praise
Synonyms: Adulation, Applause, Commendation
Antonyms: Blame, Criticism
 He loved the kudos that came with his profession as an actor, and thought that these sincere expressions of praise were good enough to keep him going.

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST

SYNONYMS

1. **Kleptomaniac**
 (a) Shoplifter
 (c) Tedious
 (b) Germane
 (d) None of these
2. **Knoll**
 (a) River
 (c) Dependable
 (b) Hummock
 (d) None of these
3. **Knotty**
 (a) Tarnished
 (c) Mound
 (b) Unproblematic
 (d) None of these
4. **Kudos**
 (a) Wrangle
 (c) Blame
 (b) Applause
 (d) None of these

ANTONYMS

5. **Keel**
 (a) Ascend
 (c) Stumble
 (b) Morose
 (d) None of these
6. **Knave**
 (a) Trustworthy
 (c) Mound
 (b) Charlatan
 (d) None of these
7. **Kitsch**
 (a) Brash
 (c) Wait
 (b) Atypical
 (d) None of these
8. **Kindred**
 (a) Germane
 (c) Con man
 (b) Non-corresponding
 (d) Non of these

ANSWERS

1.	a	2.	b	3.	a	4.	b	5.	a
6.	a	7.	b	8.					

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- **Laborious (adj.)** (مُنتق، شقت طلب) Hardworking, showing signs of toil
Synonyms: Toilsome, Arduous, Painstaking, Protracted
Antonyms: Lazy, Indolent, Sluggish
 After they had completed the laborious exercise of checking each and every record in the huge database, they were informed that they had been looking at the wrong database.
- **Labyrinth (n)** (مجلول، ملبلیاں، المیمن) A very completed and irregular structure with many passages
Synonyms: Puzzle, Riddle, Skein, Snarl, Tangle, Web
Antonyms: Order, Organisation, Orientation, System
 The new building constructed to house the Labour Department has a labyrinth of corridors and passages; it is almost impossible not to get lost in that maze.
- **Lacerate (v)** (چیرھا کرنا) Tear (esp. flesh or tissues)
Synonyms: Mangle, Lance, Maim, Mutilate, Rip, Score
Antonyms: Aid, Comfort, Help, Solace
 He received eleven stitches after his face was badly lacerated in the accident.
- **Lachrymose (Adj.)** (انک بار، آمیدہ) Tearful, Weeping, Sorrowful
Synonyms: Maudlin, Sentimental, Tearful, Weeping
Antonyms: Cheerful, Happy, Joyful
 The role of the lachrymose old woman who lost her son in the battle was wonderfully enacted by Lorna, well known for her ability to bring tears in her eyes as often as she wants.
- **Lackadaisical (Adj.)** (قوت اور شوق سے محروم، بے حس) Lacking purpose or zest
Synonyms: Languishing, Apathetic, Laissez-Faire, Slapdash, Careless
Antonyms: Ambitious, Enthusiast
 Such lackadaisical approach towards your work will get you nowhere; you need to start taking things more seriously.
- **Lackey (n & v)** (خدمت گار، نوادار) 1. A dutiful and honest servant 2. Behave like an honest and dutiful servant
Synonyms: Doormat, Drudge, Factotum, Steward, Subordinate
Antonyms: Boss, Manager, Leader
 Though Aamir is his cousin, Jamil treats him like a lackey and orders him to do all his work from washing his clothes to shining his shoes.
- **Lacklustre (n)** (بے نور، دھندلا ہوا) Very dull or deficient
Synonyms: Dreary, Monotonous, Bland, Uninspiring, Uneventful
Antonyms: Exciting, Exhilarating, Electrifying
 Everyone in the hall was disappointed by the lacklustre performance of the noted actor in the play.

- **Laconic (Adj.)** (جامع، مختصر، معنی) Terse or brief in the use of words, concise
Synonyms: Pithy, Succinct, Brusque, Undersized
Antonyms: Wordy, Voluble, Lengthy
 The actor was known for giving very laconic answers to interviewers, so everyone was surprised when he spoke to the journalist at length about his early life and his influences.
- **Laggard (n)** (سست رفتار، کھلے وجود) A person who is slow and lags behind
Synonyms: Straggler, Doodler, Idler, Lounger
Antonyms: Diligent, Eager, Enthusiastic
 He is a bit of a laggard in class, and has to be prodded to perform.
- **Lair (n & v)** (کھار، پناہ گاہ) Sheltered place where a wild animal usually sleeps or rests. Hence, any person's hiding place
Synonyms: Burrow, Warren, Sett, Dungeon
Antonyms: Ground, Sky
 When the police came to know that the cottage was actually a thieves' lair during the night, they decided to stage a raid at 2 a.m. in order to arrest them.
- **Laity (n)** (عام لوگ) The laymen, People who are not members of a specific profession
Synonyms: Laymen, Amateur, Masses
Antonyms: professional, Practised, Specialised
 Though the media makes a big event out of the annual national budget, the laity is not really too interested in the subject as most of the description is hard-to-understand economic terms.
- **Lambast (v)** (طنقہ دھنچ کرنا) To criticise severely
Synonyms: Denounce, Criticise, Ridicule, Assault
Antonyms: Praise, Commend
 The much-publicized movie which was released last weekend has been lambasted by the critics for its rank bad direction and poor editing.
- **Lambent (adj.)** (چمکلاتا، زرخشاں) Shining softly, Glowing
Synonyms: Luminous, Brilliant, Flickering, Lustrous, Radiant
Antonyms: Dull, Tedious, Dreary
 There was a laribent glow on her face when I saw her after her engagement; it was clear that she was in love.
- **Lament (n & v)** (نام ہونا، گریہ دزاری کرنا) To express sorrow, Regret
Synonyms: Grieve, Bemoan, Deplore, Bewail
Antonyms: Laugh, Remorse, Giggle
 While he laments the decline in the quality of the journalism, he also believes that change is inevitable and has to be accepted.
- **Lance (n & v)** (تیزو، ہمالا) 1. A long thin pole with a pointed end, used as a weapon by horse riders 2. To cut the skin with a sharp tool so as to release infected matter
Synonyms: Gash, Gore, Incise, Penetrate, Prick, Puncture
Antonyms: Block, Bury, Cover, Exclude

1. The gladiator raised his lance high in the air and struck the lion with all his might, as a hush descended on the arena.
2. The boil on her toe was hurting her badly, and she had no option but to get it lanced by a surgeon.

- **Languid (Adj.)** (کمزور، سہلے) Lacking energy, effort or enthusiasm, Dull
Synonyms: Sluggish, Scrawny, Torpid, Lethargic
Antonyms: Dynamic, Vigorous, Energetic
His job in Karachi was rather unexciting, and when he found it really difficult to pass the languid days, he decided to look for another job.
- **Languish (v)** (تکلیف سے وقت گزارنا، سڑنا) To exist with difficulty or in an unpleasant situation, usu. over a long period of time
Synonyms: Deteriorate, Hanker, Suffer, Wither, Yearn
Antonyms: Flourish, Grow, Improve, Strengthen
While he was languishing in jail, his former colleagues who had played a dirty trick on him made merry with all his wealth.
- **Languor (n)** (سہلے ہوئی، غموگی) Faintness, Fatigue
Synonyms: Slackness, Dullness, Tediousness, Insipidness
Antonyms: Vigour, Verve
Though I do not regret moving to Lahore with its fast pace of life and all the opportunities, I sometimes miss the relaxed languor of the days spent back in the village, when one could have a long siesta in the hot summer afternoons.
- **Lanky (Adj.)** (دیرالورلیا) Lean and tall
Synonyms: Gaunt, Tall, Gawky, Leggy, Gangling
Antonyms: Thin, Dwarf
His lanky frame totally betrays his enormous capacity for food; it's amazing how he manages to remain so thin after eating so much.
- **Lapidary (Adj. & n)** (جور تراشی، پتھر پر کندہ کاری) 1. Concerned with stones (engraved on stones) 2. A workman who cuts, engraves or polishes precious stones
Synonyms: Engraver, Jeweller, Gemmologist, Goldsmith, Horologist
Being an excellent craftsman, he did not find it very difficult to find employment as a lapidary at the jewellery store, and now his employers are quite impressed with his fine skills at cutting and polishing stones.
- **Larceny (n)** (چوری، سرقت) Illegal taking away of another's personal goods with intent to convert them to one's own use
Synonyms: Burglary, Misappropriation, Pilfering, Pinch, Purloining
Antonyms: Compensation, Pay, Reimbursement, Return
The court directed him to a six-months sentence on charges of larceny, but he kept on insisting that he had not committed the theft he was accused of.
- **Larder (n)** (خوراک ذخیرہ کرنے کا کمرہ، لٹ خانہ) Room or cupboard for storing meat and other provisions
Synonyms: Groceries, Pantry, Provender, Stock, Storage
She was shocked to discover that a rat had gone into the larder and had destroyed most of the food items stored there.

- **Largess (n)** (بخش، عطیہ) Money or gifts given generously
Synonyms: Benefaction, Charity, Donation, Endowment
Antonyms: Disfavour, Loss, Obligation
The revival of this organization for the care of the blind has been possible only because of the millionaire's largess; had he not donated the huge amount, we would have no other option but to close down.
- **Lascivious (adj.)** (شہوت انگیز) Having or arousing sexual desires
Synonyms: Lustful, Salacious, unchaste, Voluptuous, Unchaste, Vulgar, Wanton
Antonyms: Chaste, Decent, Moral
The college ruffians spent most of their time bullying the juniors, or passing lewd and lascivious comments at the girls.
- **Lassitude (n)** (تھکن، سستی) Tiredness, State of weariness or fatigue
Synonyms: Angour, Lethargy, Exhaustion, Inertia
Antonyms: Strength, Passion, Sensitivity
They reached the camp after a hard day's trek in a state of absolute lassitude, and immediately fell asleep.
- **Latent (Adj.)** (غائب، پوشیدہ) Hidden, Concealed
Synonyms: Dormant, Covert, Suppressed, Clandestine, Obscure
Antonyms: Obvious, Candid
His acting abilities remained latent for over two years while he was working as a clapper boy at the studio, till a director spotted him performing all by himself in a small corner in front of the mirror.
- **Lateral (Adj. & n)** (پہلو کا یا پہلو سے متعلق) Pertaining to the sides of an object or to sideways movement
Synonyms: Sideways, Flanking, Oblique, Side, Side-By-Side
Antonyms: Centred, Central
He somehow managed to get past the eyes of the roving sentry, moved laterally along the walls of the prison for some distance, till he reached the spot from where the wall could be scaled.
- **Latitude (n)** (انہیب اور عمل کی آزادی، عرض بلد) 1. Freedom to act or behave as a person wants to 2. Distance from the equator, measured in degrees
Synonyms: Extent, Independence, Indulgence, Laxity, Leeway
Antonyms: Limitation, Restriction
They did not give me much latitude while performing on the job as I was just asked to follow the orders and this made me feel rather restricted.
- **Laud (n & v)** (تاریف کرنا، تعریف) Praise
Synonyms: Acclaim, Extol, Mention, Eulogise, Admire
Antonyms: Inveigh, Denounce, Deprecate
While I was expecting that the principal would be enraged at my complaint against the teacher, I was more than pleasantly surprised when he lauded me for having the courage to speak up.
- **Lavish (Adj. & v)** (بہاؤ، خرچ، خوب خرچ کرنا) Very generous or expensive, More than required (in terms of expense or generosity)
Synonyms: Extravagant, Prodigal, Copious, Bountiful
Antonyms: Hoard, Cautious, Parsimonious, Thrifty

The house of the millionaire was lavishly decorated for the party; it was going to be a big party as his only son was returning from Canada.

- **Lax (Adj.)** (بے پرواہ، غیر متواضع) Lacking attention or severity

Synonyms: Slack, Slipshod, Negligent, Lenient

Antonyms: Strict, Stringent, Authoritarian

While most of the government policies are made for the benefit of the people, the laxity of government officials in implementing these policies often becomes the biggest reason for the disappointment of the people from the government.

- **Leaven (n & v)** (خمیر، ملاوٹ) Substance added to dough to produce fermentation. Also, to cause to rise or grow lighter or to ferment

Synonyms: Lighten, Pepsinate, Raise, Activate, Catalyse, Ferment

1. The yeast added to the dough to leave it did not have any visible effect as the cake was absolutely flat and did not rise at all.
2. He leavened up his otherwise dull and serious speech by reciting a few witty couplets.

- **Lectern (n)** (ڈیسک یا سٹیڈ جو دورانِ تکلم کاغذ وغیرہ رکھنے کے لیے استعمال ہوتا ہے) Stand with a sloping top to hold books, papers etc. to be read from

Synonyms: Ambo, Platform, Pulpit, Reading Stand, Rostrum

Before commencing her speech, the speaker carefully arranged her papers on the lectern, getting a feel of the audience at the same time.

- **Leery (Adj.)** (چالاک، مشکوک، غبار) Suspicious, Cautious

Synonyms: Wary, Chary, Mistrustful, Apprehensive, Suspicious

Antonyms: Affable, Jovial, Genial

I have always been leery of that company peon; sometimes I feel as if he is a spy planted by our competing firm trying to know all our company secrets.

- **Legacy (n)** (وراثہ) Material or immaterial thing handed down by predecessor

Synonyms: Inheritance, Bequest, Gift, Heritage

Antonyms: Forfeit, Loss, Penalty

Shahid was happy to receive a small legacy from his distant relative and with the amount of the legacy, he decided to buy a small boat for himself as he was very fond of fishing.

- **Legerdemain (n)** (ماہر کی مٹائی، شعبہ بازی) Skill in using the hands to perform conjuring tricks etc.

Synonyms: Sleight-of-hand, Juggling, Trickery, Craftiness, Gimmick

Antonyms: Honesty, Honour, Openness, Trustworthiness

The opposition has accused the Finance Minister of indulging in financial legerdemain, stating that the budget is nothing but a clever jugglery of figures to make them sound good.

- **Leitmotif (n)** (مرکزی خیال، کوئی نغمہ یا موضوع جو کہیں میں شروع سے آخر تک چلتا رہے) A recurring theme or idea usually associated with a person or set of persons

Synonyms: Theme, Idea, Keynote, Proposition, Stuff

The director of the movie has made good use of a piece of music as a leitmotif; the music plays in the background every time the two protagonists in the movie come face to face.

- **Leniency (n)** (نرمی، بردباری) Mildness, Not being strict

Synonyms: Clemency, Compassion, Kindness, Empathy

Antonyms: Harshness, Relentlessness, Severity

The farmer pleaded in front of the landlord for leniency on the grounds of his poverty, but the landlord strictly imposed a fine of a hundred shillings as a penalty for not paying the loan on time.

- **Lesion (n)** (زخم، جراثیم، چوٹ) Injury, Damage, A morbid change in the structure of organs in human body

Synonyms: Laceration, Abrasion, Scratch, Wound

Antonyms: Normality

The X-ray revealed severe lesions to the left side of the lower rib cage, and the doctor immediately decided on operating the patient.

- **Lethal (Adj.)** (ہلک، جان لیوا) Causing death, Deadly

Synonyms: Poisonous, Dangerous, Incurable, Hazardous

Antonyms: Beneficial, positive, favourable

He was arrested by the police for carrying lethal weapons like knives and dagger with him.

- **Lethargic (Adj.)** (ست، کلیل) Feeling unwilling and unable to do anything

Synonyms: Lazy, Sluggish, Lacklustre, Indolent

Antonyms: Awake, Vigorous

It is not unusual for most people to feel a little lethargic after a heavy meal especially on a warm afternoon.

- **Levitate (v)** (برائیں اُٹھانا یا چھاننا) (Cause to) rise and float in air

Synonyms: Increase, Climb, Ascend, Augment

Antonyms: Downfall, Descend

Some people believe that by magic, it is possible to levitate a small object merely by the action of thought waves and not applying any physical force to the object.

- **Levity (n)** (اوچھاپن، غیر سنجیدگی) Lack of seriousness, esp. during a serious occasion, Lightness

Synonyms: Frivolity, Flippancy, Buoyancy, Witiness

Antonyms: Solemnity, Sombreness, Earnestness

In sharp contrast to his brother who is always serious and sober, Jim always has an air of levity about him and is full of mirth and laughter.

- **Levy (n & v)** (محصول کے طور پر وصول کرنا، ٹیکس لگانا) An amount of money payable to the government, usu. as a tax or a surcharge. Hence, to announce such a charge

Synonyms: Tariff, Rates, Tax, Charge

The authorities have decided to levy an additional duty of 3% on all goods produced in the country over the next three months, proceeds of which would be used to rehabilitate the quake hit areas of the country.

- **Lewd (Adj.)** (غیر اخلاقی، ناشائستہ، ذلیل) Indecent and obscene

Synonyms: Indecent, Bawdy, Worthless, Lecherous, Libertine

Antonyms: Chaste, Clean, Decent, Proper, Virginal

He has been accused of making lewd and suggestive remarks about one of the female employees.

- **Lexicographer** (n) (لغت نویس) Compiler of a dictionary
Synonyms: Definer, Dictionarist, Vocabulist, Wordsmith
Antonyms: Pupil, Learner
 This dictionary has a long list of lexicographers at the beginning, all of whom have contributed to the making of this dictionary.
- **Liable** (Adj.) (مستوجب، مزاوار، ذمہ دار) 1. Being legally responsible for something
 2. Very likely to happen
Synonyms: Accountable, Answerable, Responsible, Prone
Antonyms: Exempt, Invulnerable, Unquestionable
 1. If found guilty, Shahid will be liable to pay damages to the extent of over 100,000 dollars.
 2. The captain of the team is liable to be sacked if the team keeps on performing so poorly.
- **Liaison** (n) (رابطہ) Communication with a number of groups so as to enable the exchange of information amongst them
Synonyms: Communication, Connection, Contact, Fixer, Hook up
 His excellent skills at maintaining and pursuing contacts made him the ideal candidate for the job of a liaison officer for the company.
- **Libel** (n & v) (بدنام کن تحریر یا انگہ) A false or malicious written statement, usually published, that damages a person's reputation. Also, the act of making such statements
Synonyms: Aspersio, Calumny, Defamation, Denigration, Lying
Antonyms: Compliment, Praise
 The statements mentioned in your article are libel; they can defame his clean reputation.
- **Libertine** (n & adj.) (اخلاق اور جنسی معاملات میں آزاد) A person who lives an irresponsible and free life
Synonyms: Immoral, Lascivious, Lecherous, Lewd, Libidinous, Licitious
Antonyms: Chaste, Puritanical
 Because of his reputation as a libertine and an insincere person, he found it difficult to get a proposal for marriage from anyone.
- **Licentious** (Adj.) (قانون یا اخلاق کی قید سے آزاد) Disregarding accepted rules or conventions, Behaving immorally esp. towards women
Synonyms: Lascivious, Debauched, Promiscuous, Relaxed, Reprobate, Salacious
Antonyms: Chaste, Controlled, Good, Innocent, Moral
 He was severely reprimanded in the court for his licentious behaviour, and was warned that if he were caught a second time, he would be put behind bars.
- **Limber** (n, adj. & v) (لچکدار، ہلکا سا) Flexible, easily manageable
Synonyms: Elastic, Gullible, Lithe, Loose, Nimble
Antonyms: Rigid, Inflexible, Strict
 To be a good athlete, one must have a limber body that can move with flexibility.

- **Limn** (v) (تصویر بنانا) Paint (picture), Depict
Synonyms: Portray, Delineate, Describe, Draw, Represent
Antonyms: Confuse, Distort
 In its latest report, the Human Rights Commission has limned a very poor picture of the condition of destitute children in Pakistan.
- **Limpid** (Adj.) (شفاف، واضح) Transparent, Clear and simple, as in style of writing
Synonyms: Lucid, Luculent, Obvious, Perspicuous
Antonyms: Turbid, Obscure, Unintelligible, Vague
 With his clear and limpid style of writing, the author has managed to convey a rather technical subject in a way that can be easily understood by the person on the street.
- **Linchpin** (n) (مخمس یا چیز جو مختلف حصوں کو یکجا کرے) That holds or links various parts together (person or thing)
Synonyms: Cornerstone, Binding Force
Antonyms: Secondary, Unimportant
 During the financial crisis in the family, the grandmother proved to be the linchpin who held the entire family together in her firm but gentle grip.
- **Lineage** (n) (شجرہ نسب) The members of a person's family who are directly related to that person and who lived a long time before him or her
Synonyms: Pedigree, Descent, Ancestry
 Ever since he discovered that he comes from a royal lineage, his behaviour has been rather amusing; he has been acting as if he were the king of the class and all the other students are his subjects.
- **Lineament** (n) (خودنما) Distinctive features or characteristics (esp. of the face)
Synonyms: Aspect, Attribute, Faculty, Thumbprint, Distinction
 He described the lineaments of his face to me over the phone so that I could recognize him when we met at the fair.
- **Linger** (v) (دیر کرنا، رکا) 1. Put off departure because of reluctance to go 2) Loiter or pass time
Synonyms: Loiter, Wait, Haunt, Dawdle
Antonyms: Depart, Leave, Advance
 He wanted everything to be done as soon as possible; he didn't want any work to be lingering on for years.
- **Linguistic** (Adj.) (لسانی) Pertaining to language
Synonyms: Dialectal, Etymological, Lexical, Lingual, Morphological
Antonyms: Ungrammatical
 Recognising that their daughter had a flair for the languages, they decided to put her in a linguistic class at a very early age.
- **Liniment** (n) (لانی تیل) A liquid to relieve pain and stiffness (usually made of oil or containing alcohol)
Synonyms: Ointment, Gel, Lotion, Balm
Antonyms: Tablets, Syrup

He rubbed his shoulder with this liniment to relieve the ache he had been suffering from since morning.

- **Lionise (v)** (مشہور یا اہم شخصیت کی حیثیت سے سلوک کرنا) Treat as a celebrity
Synonyms: Aggrandise, Eulogise, Glorify, Idolise, Praise
Antonyms: Forget, Ignore, Neglect, Overlook
The first person to win one million dollars on the TV game show became an overnight celebrity and was lionized by the press as well as the public.
- **Liquidate (v)** (کاروبار بند کرنے کے لیے کٹائے ہاتھ دینا) 1. To cause a business to close because of lack of funds, so that its assets can be sold to pay off its debts 2. To kill or make powerless
Synonyms: Discharge, Exchange, Realise, Reimburse, 2. Murder, Purge
Antonyms: Invest, Keep 2. Build, Construct, Create
1. The company had accumulated such heavy losses that even after it was officially liquidated and all its assets sold, it could not pay off all its debts.
2. The two brothers plotted against their eldest brother to liquidate him by poisoning, so that they would not have to share the inherited wealth with him.
- **Lissom (Adj.)** (خیز، نرم) Moving with ease and grace
Synonyms: Agile, Athletic, Flexible, Graceful, Limber, Lithe
Antonyms: Graceless, Uncouth, Ungraceful
The writer has compared the lissom movements of the ballet dancer to the graceful movements of a deer.
- **Listless (Adj.)** (دلیچسپی اور توانائی سے محروم، مردود) Lacking in spirit or energy
Synonyms: Enervated, Lethargic, Languid, Limp
Antonyms: Fervid, Passionate, Enthusiastic
On a dull and listless Sunday afternoon, with nothing much to do, I decided to visit the scientific museum, something I had been planning for a long time.
- **Litany (n)** (ناخوشگوار چیزوں کی فہرست) 1. A long list of unpleasant things, particularly things that are repeated 2. A form of Christian prayer
Synonyms: Prayer, Recitation, Refrain, Repetition, Supplication
1. He was ready with a litany of excuses to explain his absence from the class the previous day, some of them quite hilarious and unbelievable.
- **Literati (n)** (ادب دان، دانش وران) People of learned class, who know a lot about literature
Synonyms: Academician, Bluestocking, Intelligentsia, Philosopher, Scholar
Antonyms: Learners, Pupils
She managed to make a mark with the literati of the country with her third novel, and soon she was being hailed as among the best writers alive in Pakistan.
- **Lithe (Adj.)** (چکدار) Flexible, Supple
Synonyms: Sinuous, Bendable, Lissom, Sprightly, Dynamic
Antonyms: Stiff, Taut, Rigid
The lithe and graceful movements of the gymnast were widely applauded by everyone present in the hall.

- **Litigation (n)** (مقدمہ بازی) Lawsuit
Synonyms: Contention, Lawsuit, Prosecution, Suit, Trial
In order to avoid the proceedings of a lengthy and expensive litigation, the company decided to settle the case out-of-court by negotiating with the aggrieved party.
- **Littoral (n & adj.)** (ساحلی) Part of the country along the coast, The shoreline, Of or on the shore
Synonyms: Bank, Coast, Oceanfront, Seashore, Waterfront
Antonyms: Inland, Desert
She sells seashells in a littoral location.
- **Liturgic (n)** (عبادت گاہ کی یا مسلمان طریقہ) The prescribed forms or rituals for worship in any religion
Synonyms: Worship, Ceremony, Formula, Observance, Ritual, Sacrament
Every religion has its own set of liturgies for offering prayer; while some comprise elaborate gestures, others include silently closing the eyes.
- **Livid (Adj.)** (غضبناک، سرخی) 1. Furiously angry 2. Of an unpleasant purple or dark blue colour, usu. of scars on the skin
Synonyms: Discoloured, Gloomy, Lurid, Murky, Pallid, Waxen
Antonyms: Blushing, Brilliant, Flushed, Radiant, Rosy
1. The rude behaviour of his junior made him livid, and he slapped him in front of the whole staff.
2. He had a long livid scar across his forehead where the huge insect had bit him.
- **Loath (Adj.)** (متنفر، ناپسند) Very reluctant, Unwilling
Synonyms: Averse, Disinclined, Reluctant, Unenthusiastic
Antonyms: Avid, Enthusiastic, Passionate
I am loath to giving you any advice on this subject as I am myself quite ignorant about it.
- **Loathe (v)** (تقصیک آئیز سلوک کرنا، کراہت کرنا) Regard with disgust
Synonyms: Abominate, Detest, Aversion, Abhorrence
Antonyms: Fondness, Penchant, Adore
He has always loathed his elder brother since childhood, but now that he has become mature, he not only likes him but also obeys him.
- **Lofty (Adj.)** (عظیم، نہایت بلند) High, or with strong principles, standards, and ideals
Synonyms: Elevated, Grandiose, Ostentatious, Flamboyant
Antonyms: Unpretentious, Humble, Taciturn
His lofty ambitions of making quick money on the stock market were wiped out in a moment when the market badly crashed, and he was forced to sell his stock at a loss.
- **Loiter (v)** (بیکار، بے مقصد گشت کرنا) Hang around or move about without any purpose
Synonyms: Linger, Wait, Haunt, Dawdle
Antonyms: Depart, Leave, Advance
The Citizens' Park was a favourite place for the rowdy teenagers, where they used to loiter about in the evenings and cause a lot of trouble.

- **Loll (v)** (سستی اور کالی سے بیٹھا، ٹھٹھا) Let (one's head or limbs) rest lazily on something. Sit in a relaxed informal or uncontrolled way
Synonyms: Idle, Laze, Loiter, Lounge, Recline, Relax, Rest
Though in the office he always sits in a poised posture, at home he just lolls about in the armchair.
- **Longevity (n)** (دراز عمری، بلحاظ) Long life
Synonyms: Durability, Endurance, Lastingness, Old Age
Mr. Shah Nawaz has turned hundred today and the secret of his longevity is regular exercise and well balanced diet.
- **Loom (n & v)** (غیر واضح طور پر ظاہر ہونا، گھڑی) 1. Appear suddenly (often in a threatening way or shape) 2. Apparatus for weaving yarn or thread
Synonyms: Appear, Emerge, Impend, Materialise
Antonyms: Vanish, Disappear, Evaporate
1. The fear of unemployment loomed large on their heads as one company after the other collapsed because of poor demand conditions.
- **Lope (v & n)** (چھلانگ لگاتے ہوئے چلنا) Gallop slowly
Synonyms: Bound, Canter, Gallop, Run, Trot
Antonyms: Stop, Impede
At the Kenyan wildlife safari, we were lucky to catch a glimpse of a huge lion loping casually across the landscape.
- **Loquacious (Adj.)** (باتوں، بسیار گو) Overly talkative
Synonyms: Chattering, Garrulous, Talkative, Conversational
Antonyms: Reticent, Taciturn
They complemented each other very well: while he was quite and reticent, preferring to speak only when required, she was loquacious and crispy, always ready to start a conversation.
- **Lore (n)** (کسی خاص موضوع پر ذخیرہ علم) Body of traditions and knowledge on a subject
Synonyms: Belief, Custom, Doctrine, Enlightenment, Erudition
Antonyms: Actuality, History, Reality, Truth
Early peoples passed on plant and animal lore through legend.
- **Lout (n & v)** (بے ذمہ شخص، گتوار) Clumsy and rough mannered person
Synonyms: Barbarian, Buffoon, Bumpkin, Lummo, Oaf, Philistine, Vulgar
Antonyms: Sophisticate, Charmer, Enthusiast, Exciter
His loutish behaviour in the class was a cause for concern for all the teachers, who were genuinely surprised at such behaviour knowing that the child came from a very respectable family.
- **Lucid (Adj.)** (واضح، آسان، کھل) Easily understood, Clear
Synonyms: Explicit, Fathomable, Graspable, Luminous, Translucent, Transparent
Antonyms: Clouded, Obscure, Unclear, Vague
While his brother writes in an unclear and clumsy way, Salman himself is known for his lucid style of writing.

- **Lucrative (Adj.)** (منفعت بخش، نفع آدر) Profitable, Yielding gain
Synonyms: Advantageous, Fruitful, Gratifying, Favourable
Antonyms: Unprofitable, Unsuccessful, Unbeneficial
Even though the proposal of opening a branch at Sialkot seems to be lucrative right now, the Director knows that it would not make any profit in the long run.
- **Lucubrate (v)** (جان فشانی سے کھانا پڑھنا) To study laboriously
Synonyms: Burn midnight oil, Cogitate, Crack the books, Cram, Hit the books
Antonyms: Forget, Ignore, Neglect
He lucubrated deep into the night for his examination the next day, as a result of which he was so sleepy during the exam that he could not answer the questions properly.
- **Ludicrous (Adj.)** (مضحکہ خیز) Foolish or causing laughter because unreasonable or unsuitable
Synonyms: Ridiculous, Laughable, Preposterous, Incongruous
Antonyms: Reasonable, Sensible
1. It was a ludicrous idea to go for trekking when it was raining heavily.
2. The ludicrous idea of his opening a shop in a remote area, away from civilization made us laugh.
- **Lugubrious (Adj.)** (مغموم، رنجیدہ) Very sad or mournful
Synonyms: Doleful, Despondent, Melancholy, Sombre
Antonyms: Gay, Delighted, Enchanted
He always bears a lugubrious look on his face, as if he has just lost something very precious.
- **Lull (v & n)** (لوری دینا) 1. To cause to feel sleepy, calm, or safe 2. Intermission in storm or any activity
Synonyms: Stillness, Silence, Respite, Composed
Antonyms: Energise, Excite
1. The gentle breeze soon lulled him to a deep, dreamless sleep. 1. The minister's speech lulled the people into believing that everything was all right with the economy.
2. His silence was just the lull before the storm; he soon came back with a vengeance.
- **Lumber (v & n)** (بے ڈھنگے پن سے حرکت میں ہونا) 1. Move in clumsy blundering noisy way 2. Disused articles of furniture
Synonyms: Encumber, Shamble, Trudge, Traipse
Antonyms: Glide, Slither, Slide
His relaxed way of walking reminds me of the unconcerned lumbering of an elephant – look at how clumsily he puts each foot forward.
- **Luminary (n)** (دو چہرہ یا جسم جو روشنی دے، نامور، دانشور) 1. Natural light-giving body, esp. sun or moon 2. Person having much intellectual
Synonyms: Dignitary, Eminence, Personality, Superstar, Worth
Antonyms: Unknown, Unidentified, Nameless
Mr. Khalid Ahmad is a famous luminary in the field of medicine; he has also won several awards for his contribution to this field.

- **Luminous (Adj.)** (چمکیلا، منور، درخشاں) Shining, Emitting light
Synonyms: Bright, Lustrous, Shimmering, Incandescent, Vivid
Antonyms: Tedious, Gloomy, Monotonous
 It is advisable to wear luminous clothes while riding at nights so that they are visible even in a dim light.
- **Lunge (n & v)** (کوئی چانگ ہٹا کر) 1. Quick forward dive or reach 2. Long rope with which horse-breaker holds horse while he makes it canter in circle
Synonyms: Charge, Jump, Pass, Spring, Stab, Swing, Thrust
Antonyms: Retreat, Withdraw, Leave
 They were arguing over something when all of a sudden he got irritated and lunged towards her with a knife.
- **Lurid (Adj.)** (بیجان، خیر، خوناک) Wild, Sensational, Gruesome
Synonyms: Disgusting, Distinct, Horrible, Exaggerated, Extreme, Ghastly
Antonyms: Clean, Humble, Modest
 The press has covered the gruesome murder of the budding actress in depth, giving all the lurid details about the whole incident.
- **Lurk (v)** (گھمٹ میں ہونا) To wait or move in a secret way so that you cannot be seen esp. when you are about to attack someone or do something wrong
Synonyms: Creep, Crouch, Gumshoe, Skulk, Sneak, Wait
Antonyms: Reveal, Show, Tell, Uncover
 The secret agent was lurking about in the corridors of the court when he was arrested by the police.
- **Luscious (Adj.)** (لذیذ، شیریں، میٹھا) Richly sweet in taste or smell
Synonyms: Cloying, Delicious, Delectable, Ambrosial, Toothsome, Voluptuous
Antonyms: Nasty, Poor, Unappetizing, Unsavoury
 The garden was full of luscious mangoes hanging from the branches of the trees, and little Johnny could not resist the temptation of breaking into the garden to get some of them.
- **Lustre (n & v)** (آب و تاب، چمک) Gloss, The brightness of a shining surface
Synonyms: Brilliance, Refulgence, Burnish, Candescence, Effulgence, Glaze
Antonyms: Darkness, Dullness, Matte
 Over the years, though the actress has lost some of the lustre she used to have in her heydays, the grace and the poise is still very much there.
- **Luxuriant (adj.)** (کثیر، فراوان) Growing profusely and abundantly
Synonyms: Prolific, Florid, Copious, Bounteous, Flourishing
Antonyms: Sparse, Meagre, Inadequate
 These hills were once covered with luxuriant forests, but now have become bare because of man's greed.

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST

SYNONYMS

1. **Lustre**
 (a) Refulgence
 (c) Unsavoury
 (b) Darkness
 (d) None of these
2. **Lurk**
 (a) Uncover
 (c) Modest
 (b) Gumshoe
 (d) None of these
3. **Ludicrous**
 (a) Reasonable
 (c) Laughable
 (b) Unbeneficial
 (d) None of these
4. **Longevity**
 (a) Lastingness
 (c) Impede
 (b) Gallop
 (d) None of these
5. **Lionise**
 (a) Eulogise
 (c) Enthusiastic
 (b) Neglect
 (d) None of these

ANTONYMS

6. **Lax**
 (a) Negligent
 (c) Undersized
 (b) Authoritarian
 (d) None of these
7. **Limn**
 (a) Distort
 (c) Wordy
 (b) Delineate
 (d) None of these
8. **Laggard**
 (a) Enthusiastic
 (c) Dilettante
 (b) Lounger
 (d) None of these
9. **Labyrinth**
 (a) Tangle
 (c) Orientation
 (b) Bland
 (d) None of these
10. **Luxuriant**
 (a) Copious
 (c) Inadequate
 (b) Melancholy
 (d) None of these

ANSWERS

1.	a	2.	b	3.	c	4.	a	5.	a
6.	b	7.	a	8.	a	9.	c	10.	c

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- **Macabre (Adj.)** (ڈراؤنا، بھانک) Horrifying, Causing shock, disgust, or fear
Synonyms: Ghoulis, Ghastly, Gruesome, Morbid, Nerve-jangling
Antonyms: Gratifying, Agreeable, Enjoyable
 In a macabre incident that came to light just yesterday, a man has been living with the dead body of her wife for the last three years, having preserved the body as the Egyptians used to.
- **Macerate (v)** (کڑھنا، بھگو کر نرم کرنا) To reduce a solid substance to pulp by soaking in liquid
Synonyms: Emaciate, Mash, Permeate, Ret, Saturate
Antonyms: Dehydrate, Dry
 When the police recovered the dead body nearly twenty days after the murder, it was so badly macerated that it was impossible to recognize the victim.
- **Machiavellian (Adj.)** (سیکادلی اصولوں کے مطابق، عیاری پر مبنی) Any behaviour involving schemes and deceitfulness
Synonyms: Cunning, Conniving, Deceitful, Scheming, Underhand
Antonyms: Honourable, Truthful, Reliable
 The public soon became aware of his Machiavellian tactics to win the election, and condemned his deceitful methods.
- **Machinations (n)** (جور توڑ، سازش، عیاری) An act that is a part of a scheme or plot, Clever scheming
Synonyms: Artifice, Conspiracy, Intrigue, Skulduggery, Stratagem
Antonyms: Frankness, Honesty, Ingenuousness
 The deal between the management and the union leader was clearly not a straight forward one -- who knows what machinations lay behind this deal?
- **Maelstrom (n)** (تاروں کے ساحل کا گرداب) A great whirlpool, thus any turmoil of wide-reaching influence. [Maelstrom is the name of a massive whirlpool off the west-coast of Norway]
Synonyms: Agitation, Chaos, Fuss, Pandemonium, Turmoil, Uproar
Antonyms: Calm, Peace, Quiet
 Though it started with a few countries, the whole world was gradually caught in the maelstrom of the Second World War.
- **Magnanimous (Adj.)** (عالی ظرف، بلند امت، بلند نظر) Generous, Great-hearted esp. towards an enemy
Synonyms: Generous, Upright, Righteous, Praiseworthy, Munificent
Antonyms: Petty, Stingy, Suspicious
 Even though he won the match comprehensively, Pete Sampras was magnanimous in his victory, praising his opponent's efforts to stay in the game.

- **Magnate (n)** (با اثر آدمی، رئیس) Person of prominence or influence
Synonyms: VIP, Aristocrat, Bigwig, Industrialist, Notable, Plutocrat, Tycoon
Antonyms: Unknown, Unfamiliar, Nameless
 The beggar you see asking for alms in the streets was once a well-known shipping magnate who earned a lot of money but lost everything in a ship-wreck.
- **Magnitude (n)** (جسامت، حجم، شدت) Greatness, Extent, Largeness, Importance
Synonyms: Dimension, Amount, Scope, Quantity, Enormity
Antonyms: Insignificance, Unimportance
 Taking into consideration the magnitude of the problem, the members of the team decided to take it into priority, and held a meeting to discuss it.
- **Maim (v)** (ہانچ کرنا، مضر کرنا) Injure so badly that the injured part no longer works as it should
Synonyms: Mutilate, Disfigure, Wound, Deface
Antonyms: Fix, Mend, Repair
 Though he could survive the accident he met with last month, it has maimed for life; he will never be able to walk again.
- **Malafide (Adv & Adj.)** (مذموم، بد نیتی) Treacherous, in or with bad faith
Synonyms: Disingenuous, Evasive, Hypocritical, Mendacious, Pretentious
Antonyms: Bona fide, Authentic
 Right from day one, I had a feeling that in joining the company, his intentions were mala fide -- and I was proved right when it was discovered that he had been passing on our company secrets to a rival organization.
- **Maladroit (Adj.)** (بد لیتھ، بھلا) Awkward in movement or unskilled in behaviour or action
Synonyms: Clumsy, Bungling, Lumbering, Gauche, Awkward
Antonyms: Graceful, Exquisite, Delicate
 All the staff believed that the chairman was a skilled and an experienced man, but his maladroit handling of the conference proved them wrong.
- **Malady (n)** (بیماری، روگ، عارضہ) A disease or a problem in a system of organisation
Synonyms: Affliction, Ailment, Disability, Epidemic, Infection
Antonyms: Health, Wellbeing, Vigour
 Almost all the plants in the garden were believed to be affected with the same malady; their leaves had turned yellow and there were several brown patches on them.
- **Malaise (n)** (بے چینی، بے قراری) Uneasiness, Vague feeling of ill health
Synonyms: Angst, Anxiety, Doldrums, Enervation, Lassitude, Melancholy
Antonyms: Capability, Health, Strength, Vigour
 These suicides committed by farmers are a symptom of a deeper and a more general malaise in the society.
- **Malapropism (n)** (جگت، مزاح پیدا کرنے کے لیے الفاظ کا بے موقع یا غلط استعمال) 1. Incorrect use of words of similar sound in a sentence or phrase so as to render them comical or nonsensical 2. Such a phrase or sentence
Synonyms: Adumbration, Analogy, Personification, Sarcasm

In his speech, the speaker committed a hilarious malapropism when he read the word MARITAL (related to marriage) as MARTIAL (related to warfare).

- **Malcontent** (Adj. & n) (غیر مطمئن) Discontented (person) esp. with existing state of affairs
Synonyms: Complaining, Discontented, Disgruntled, Unhappy, Unsatisfied
Antonyms: Contented, Content, Placemat
 While most of the members of the committee are satisfied with the working of the management, there are some malcontents who keep on complaining, and create a lot of trouble.
- **Malediction** (n) (بد دعا، کوسا) Curse
Synonyms: Imprecation, Anathema, Denunciation, Execration, Expletive
Antonyms: Blessing, Pray
 The malediction of the witch-doctor seemed to be taking effect – he was developing ugly looking rashes all over his face and back.
- **Malefactor** (n) (بجرم، بد معاش، بدکار) A person who does a wrong act
Synonyms: Evildoer, Criminal, Culprit, Delinquent, Rascal, Scoundrel, Villain
Antonyms: Police, Guard
 Though he was caught red-handed while unscrewing a nut from the railway track, he cannot be called a malefactor because he did not do it with an intention of causing an accident; had he known that it could cause a serious accident and that it was a crime, he would not have done it.
- **Malevolent** (Adj.) (بد خواہ، بد اندیش) Desirous of evil to others/ something arising out of ill-will
Synonyms: Malice, Spiteful, Unpleasant, Malicious, Vicious
Antonyms: Pleasant, Kind, Benevolent
 I could never imagine that she was capable of such malevolence towards a person – the way in which she cursed him and spoke ill of him was unbelievable!
- **Malfeasance** (n) (ناجائز یا نقصان دہ رویہ، غیر قانونی فعل) (An example of) dishonest and illegal behaviour, esp. by a person in authority
Synonyms: Impropropriety, Misbehaviour, Misconduct, Delinquency, Wrongdoing
Antonyms: Decency, Honesty, Honour, Truthfulness
 The top officials involved in the cases of malpractice and malfeasance will soon be investigated by the FIA, and if they are proved guilty, they will be punished.
- **Malicious** (Adj.) (غیبت، کینہ پرور) Hateful, Spiteful
Synonyms: Cussed, Deleterious, Mischievous, Nasty, Noxious, Pernicious
Antonyms: Benevolent, Sympathetic, Thoughtful
 His adversaries tried all sorts of malicious tricks to ruin his hard earned repute and popularity among the masses, but each time he managed to come out unscathed only because of his enormous goodwill.
- **Malign** (v & adj.) (بدنام کرنا، نقصان پہنچانا) 1. Speak evil of, defame 2. Injurious
Synonyms: Slander, Antipathetic, Rancorous, Sinister, Spiteful, Vicious
Antonyms: Eulogise, Aiding, Benign, Helpful, Nice

There are certain harmless tumours which can be treated easily, but the malignancy of a few tumours makes it impossible for the doctors to treat them.

- **Malingering** (v) (بیماری کا بہانہ کرنا) To feign or pretend illness so as to escape duty
Synonyms: Evade, Dodge, Fake, Loaf, Sham, Shirk
Antonyms: Encounter, Face, Meet
 He often finds excuses for not doing his duty. Even the other day when he was complaining of severe headache, I understood that he was actually malingering.
- **Malleable** (Adj.) (جس کو کوٹ کر یا دبا کر پھیلا یا جاسکے) Capable of being shaped by pounding
Synonyms: Compliant, Ductile, Flexible, Transformable
Antonyms: Brittle, Fragile, Delicate
 The malleability of these metals makes them more useful than other metals; they can easily be pounded to give any shape.
- **Malodorous** (Adj.) (متعفن، بدبودار) Evil-smelling, Foul-smelling
Synonyms: Nauseating, Noisome, Pestilential, Poisonous, Stinking
Antonyms: Aromatic, Fragrant, Perfumed, Savoury
 The biggest drawback of that house we went to see was that it was situated next to a malodorous drain making it almost impossible to breathe.
- **Mammon** (n) (امایادی، دولت کا بت، دولت، لالچ) (An ancient god of) wealth, considered as attracting too much respect and admiration, often wrongly
Synonyms: Richness, Prosperity, Affluence, Assets, Possessions
Antonyms: Poverty, Scarcity, Paucity
 Ultimately, forces of Mammon got the better of him and he agreed to do their illegal work for a huge sum of money.
- **Mammoth** (n & adj.) (بہت بڑا، دیگ قامت) Huge, gigantic, enormous
Synonyms: Titanic, Elephantine, Prodigious, Stupendous, Gargantuan
Antonyms: Diminutive, Miniature, Petite, Insignificant
 The Lahore Police has launched a mammoth operation involving hundreds of policemen to curb the growing menace of the underworld in the city.
- **Mandarin** (n) (مستری، اعلیٰ سرکاری عہدیدار) High official
Synonyms: Bureaucrat, Official, Civil Servant, Manager
Antonyms: Clerk, Peon
 For many years, our country's economy was under the strangle-hold of the mandarins in the government offices as everything was regulated through the channels of bureaucracy.
- **Mandate** (n & v) (حکم، فرمان، اختیار) Judicial or legal command from superior
Synonyms: Authorization, Behest, Carte Blanche, Charge
Antonyms: Opposition, Refusal, Rejection
 It was mandatory for everyone to sign the attendance register as soon as he enters the office failing of which could lead to the suspension of his service.

- **Mange (n)** (ہاتھ جانوروں کی جلدی بیماری جیسے کھلی) A skin disease affecting domestic animals
Synonyms: Dermatitis, Eczema, Eruption, Psoriasis, Scab
The dog has been suffering from mange for last one month; now there are hardly any hair left on its body.
- **Mangle (v)** (مسلسل ضربوں سے کٹے کٹے کرنا) To tear, hack with repeated blows
Synonyms: Lacerate, Bruise, Contort, Disfigure, Impair, Maim, Antonyms: Fix, Mend, Repair
The body of the victim was so badly mangled that it was impossible to identify it; perhaps the murderer had done it purposely with an axe.
- **Maniacal (Adj.)** (خفگی، دیوانہ، مجنون، خلی) Raging mad, Insane
Synonyms: Insane, Delirious, Demonic, Lunatic, Mad, Raving
Antonyms: Sane, Commonsensical, Rational
I could hear maniacal screaming coming out of the hospital room and immediately knew that something was terribly wrong with the child.
- **Manifest (Adj. & v)** (عیاں، واضح، روشن) 1. Evident, Visible, Clear 2. Show plainly to eye or mind, display
Synonyms: Obvious, Apparent, Perceptible, Palpable, Blatant
Antonyms: Obscure, Ambiguous, Vague
He knew that he would not be spared for the crime he had committed; the fear of being punished was manifest on his face.
- **Manifesto (n)** (مشرور، اعلامیہ) Declaration, Statement of policy
Synonyms: Announcement, Notice, Platform, Policy, Proclamation, Promulgation
The party manifesto released yesterday makes the usual election promises – free education, improving health care facilities, removal of poverty, and so on.
- **Manipulate (v)** (خوبی سے نچھانا، مہارت سے استعمال کرنا) Handle, treat esp. with skill (material, thing, question)
Synonyms: Manoeuvre, Influence, Contrive, Operate
Antonyms: Relinquish, Renounce, Resign
He was very skilled in such therapy, and he carefully manipulated the boy's dislocated shoulder back into its place.
- **Manna (n)** (من، دسلی) Food provided by God (in the Bible). Hence, food which is beneficial or has a very pleasant taste
Synonyms: Benediction, Blessing, Boon, Good
Antonyms: Blow, Bombshell, Setback
We were all extremely hungry after working in the sun for so long – so the lunch provided by the old man, however tasteless, was still manna from heaven.
- **Marinate (v)** (پکانے سے پہلے کمانے کو کسی مائع میں ڈبوانا) To soak a food in liquid before cooking
Synonyms: Brine, Immerse, Season, Soak, Steep
Antonyms: Cook, Boil
You need to marinate the fish in vinegar for about half an hour in order to get that peculiar pungent taste.

- **Marital (Adj.)** (ازدواجی) Pertaining to marriage
Synonyms: Nuptial, Matrimonial, Conjugal, Connubial
Antonyms: Companionless, Unattached, Unmarried
They have lived in marital bliss for over forty years, perfectly at peace with each other, and he says the main reason for this has been that there has never been any expectation from either side.
- **Maritime (Adj.)** (بحری، سمندری) Bordering on the sea, Nautical
Synonyms: Aquatic, Naval, Oceanic, Pelagic, Seagoing
Titanic, which was considered to be the biggest and the safest vessel ever built by man was envied and admired by other maritime nations, who themselves could not make such ship.
- **Marked (Adj.)** (شان زد) 1. Noticeable or pronounced, 2. Targeted for vengeance
Synonyms: Considerable, Conspicuous, Decided, Prominent, Remarkable
Antonyms: Ambiguous, Obscure, Unapparent
Since the day he has joined the tuition classes, there has been a marked improvement in his studies; he scored higher marks in the test this week than in the same a fortnight back.
- **Marred (Adj.)** (خراب، سب، تباہ، بگڑا ہوا) Damaged, Disfigured
Synonyms: Blemished, Mutilated, Stained, Imperfect
Antonyms: Unspoiled, Safe, Original
The fact that the movie had no resemblance to what actually happened had marred the otherwise beautiful movie.
- **Marshal (v)** (ترتیب میں رکھنا، مرتب کرنا) 1. Arrange in due order (persons, soldiers, thoughts etc) 2. Take up position in due arrangement
Synonyms: Assemble, Collect, Conduct, Accumulate, Manage
Antonyms: Disassemble, Disperse, Scatter, Separate
1. The minister is to deliver his first speech tomorrow; he knows that to make a good and effective speech, he needs to marshal his thoughts clearly.
- **Marsupial (Adj. & n)** (کیڑہ دار میل جانور جیسے کینگرو) One of a family of mammals that nurse their offspring in a pouch
Synonyms: Bandicoot, Kangaroo, Koala, Opossum, Possum, Wallaby, Wombat
Like the kangaroo, the koala too is a marsupial animal that carries its young one in a pouch.
- **Martial (Adj.)** (جنگی، عسکری) Suitable for or appropriate to warfare
Synonyms: Military Belligerent Antagonistic Bellicose
As soon as the Martial law was imposed, the army came into action and spread everywhere with automatic weapons and shotguns.
- **Martinet (n)** (قواعد کی پابندی میں بے لچک شخص) A person who demands total, often unreasoning, obedience to rules and orders
Synonyms: Disciplinarian, Authoritarian, Enforcer, Stickler, Taskmaster, Antonyms: Benevolent, Kind
The new hostel warden has the reputation of being a ruthless martinet, and he will not tolerate even the slightest infringement of the rules.

- **Martyr** (*n & v*) (شہید) 1. One who voluntarily suffers death for his or her religion or cause 2. Put to death as martyr
Synonyms: Sufferer, Offering, Saint, Prey
Antonyms: Attacker, Assailant, Invader
The whole country paid homage to the martyrs who had sacrificed their lives for the country during the war.
- **Masochism** (*n*) (ناخوشگوار اور تکلیف دہ باتوں میں خوش محسوس کرنے کا عمل) Pleasure in suffering physical or mental pain
Synonyms: Brutality, Harshness, Barbarism, Ferocity, Fiendishness
Antonyms: Compassion, Consideration, Feeling, Gentility
No one knows what made him become a masochist, he moves around in streets with a whip in his hand, hitting himself every now and then; he seems to derive pleasure out of it.
- **Masticate** (*v*) (چبانا) To grind to a pulp before swallowing
Synonyms: Chew, Chomp, Crush, Gnash, Grind, Knead
Many animals bring out swallowed food back to their mouth and masticate it before swallowing again.
- **Materialism** (*n*) (مانیت پرستی) Preoccupation with physical comforts and things
Synonyms: Heterodoxy, Pragmatism, Utilitarianism
Antonyms: Spiritualism
The article vehemently argues that we have become a self-centred society, preoccupied with materialism and out of touch with each other.
- **Maternal** (*Adj.*) (ماتریکل) Of or like a mother
Synonyms: Matriarchal, Motherly, Affectionate, Protective, Amorous
Antonyms: Paternal
The little child has been longing for maternal love; he had lost his mother on the day he was born.
- **Matrix** (*n*) (ماتریکس) Mould in which a thing is cast or shaped
Synonyms: Forge, Form, Grid, Pattern, Source
Many of the changes taking place within the matrix of the Indian society are such that would have been unthinkable even ten years ago.
- **Maudlin** (*Adj. & n*) (مڈبائی) Feeling sad and sentimental about life, esp. after consuming alcohol
Synonyms: Mawkish, Fuddled, Overemotional, Slushy, Sensitive
Antonyms: Unsentimental, Cynical, Tough
She had never seen him getting emotional, so was quite taken aback when at the party, after getting drunk till he was maudlin, he shared all his miseries and problems with her.
- **Maul** (*v & n*) (مڑوگ کرنا / مجروح کرنا) 1. Handle roughly or carelessly 2. (esp. of animals) to hurt badly by tearing the flesh
Synonyms: Mangle, Abuse, Drub, Flagellate, Flail
Antonyms: Guard, Maintain, Protect
It took three months for the hunter to recover fully after being mauled by a lion; he received sutures almost all over his body.

- **Maverick** (*n*) (مخرف شخص) Independent-minded person, often to the extent of being unusually different
Synonyms: Bohemian, Dissenter, Nonconformist, Radical
Antonyms: Orthodox, Conventional, Traditional
My grandfather was a bit of a maverick; when he was seventeen, he left behind a flourishing family business and caught a ship to America all on his own and with hardly any money in his pocket.
- **Mawkish** (*Adj.*) (امتیقانہ انداز سے محبت یا تحریف کا اظہار کرنا) (Of people or behaviour) expressing love and admiration in a silly perhaps false way
Synonyms: Maudlin, Overemotional, Slushy, Sensitive
Antonyms: Unsentimental, Cynical, Tough
The first half of the movie is engrossing, but thereafter it becomes mawkishly sentimental and unconvincing.
- **Maxim** (*n*) (کہادت، مقولہ) A general truth drawn from science or experience, Principle or rule
Synonyms: Saying, Proverb, Aphorism, Dictum, Axiom
Though he often preaches the maxim 'honesty is the best policy', he himself is a corrupt politician.
- **Meagre** (*Adj.*) (کم، حقیر، معمولی) Scanty, Inadequate
Synonyms: Barren, Deficient, Exiguous, Flimsy, Miserable, Scanty
Antonyms: Adequate, Large, Liberal, Plenty, Substantial
It is a silly idea to start a business with such a meagre amount in hand; you'd better think over it again.
- **Meander** (*n & v*) (بل کھانا، پیچ دار راستہ، آوارہ گردی) 1. (Of rivers) to flow slowly, with many turns 2. Wander in a slow and an aimless way
Synonyms: Wander, Zigzag, Peregrinate, Ramble, Vagabond
Antonyms: Sprint, Lope, Scamper, Dash
It is our usual habit of meandering down to the park in the night after the dinner; it also is a good exercise.
- **Meddlesome** (*Adj.*) (تاق دماغت کرنے والا) (Of person or behaviour) interfering
Synonyms: Busybody, Snoopy, Tampering, Troublesome, Curious, Encumbering
Antonyms: Avoiding, Dodging, Ignorant
What a meddlesome neighbour he is! Doesn't mind his own business, but always wants to know what is going on in our house, and give his unwanted advice.
- **Mediate** (*v*) (سج کرنا) Settle a dispute through the services of an outsider
Synonyms: Arbitrate, Intercede, Intervene, Reconcile, Negotiate
Antonyms: Inflame, Aggravate, Provoke
The prolonged dispute between the management and the union had to be settled through the mediation of a third party.
- **Mediocre** (*Adj.*) (متوسط، نیم یکیم) Of middling quality, neither good nor bad
Synonyms: Average, Commonplace, So-So, Customary
Antonyms: Superior, Greater, Advanced
After making some brilliant films early on in his career, the director came up with some rather mediocre and forgettable stuff.

- **Meditation** (n) (فرد فکر، مراقبہ) Exercising the mind in (esp. religious) contemplation, Thought
Synonyms: Contemplation, Meditation, Deliberation, Consideration
Antonyms: Disregard, Neglect, Rejection, Slight
 With increasing research taking place on the human mind, the utility of meditation as a powerful healing tool is becoming more and more important.
- **Medley** (n, adj. & v) (مخلو، کچڑی) A mixture of various things
Synonyms: Confusion, Conglomeration, Farrago, Hodgepodge, Jumble, Melee
Antonyms: Loneliness, Singularity
 He ended the concert with a medley of about twenty of his most popular songs, spanning his career of over fifteen years.
- **Meek** (Adj.) (سکین، متحمل) Quiet and obedient
Synonyms: Docile, Submissive, Timid, Humble, Acquiescent
Antonyms: Opposing, Resistant, Challenging
 It is his meek and mild nature that people take advantage of, and he readily carries out their orders.
- **Melancholy** (n & adj.) (افردگی، اداسی) 1. (Habitual or constitutional tendency to) sadness and depression, 2. (Of person) sad, gloomy, 3. (Of thing) depressing, saddening
Synonyms: Ennui, Gloom, Mournfulness, Pensiveness, Tedium, Wisfulness
Antonyms: Cheerful, Happy, Joyful
 3. The melancholy news of the brutal massacre of thousands of innocent civilians soon spread all over the world.
- **Mélange** (n) (مکرب، آمیزہ، مخلون) Mixture, a group of different things or people
Synonyms: Medley, Olio, Combination, Concoction, Mixture
Antonyms: Singularity, Marvel, Spectacle
 Unlike the first one that just talked about his own philosophy of life, his second book presents an interesting mélange of ideas from different philosophies.
- **Mellifluous** (Adj.) (شیریں، نود، خوش آہنگ) (Of words, music or voice) sweetly or smoothly flowing
Synonyms: Melodious, Dulcet, Euphonic, Harmonic, Honeyed, Mellifluent
Antonyms: Inarticulate, Influent, Cacophonous, Raucous
 She charmed everyone present at the gathering with her sweet and mellifluous voice.
- **Memento** (n) (یادگار، یادگاری) Token, Object serving as reminder
Synonyms: Memorial, Relic, Remembrance, Reminder, Token, Trace
 Not knowing if I would get another chance to visit the Pyramids in Egypt, I decided to buy miniature versions of the massive structures to take back as a memento.
- **Ménage** (n) (گھر، افراد خانہ) Members of a household, a domestic establishment
Synonyms: Forebears, Kith & Kin, Family, Progeny, Race, Siblings
 The veterinary doctor was greeted into the house by a wailing cat and a droopy dog, and the rest of the ménage in the house consisted of one

- more cat, two more dogs, a few squirrels and pigeons, apart from the old lady living all on her own with these pets.
- **Menagerie** (n) (جانوروں کی نمائش) Collection of wild or strange animals for exhibition
Synonyms: Collection, Safari Park, Wildlife Park, Zoological Garden
Antonyms: House, Church, Mosque
 Michael Jackson, the legendary singer, owned a private menagerie of zebras, llamas and giraffes.
- **Mendacious** (Adj.) (جھوٹ، دھوکا باز) Lying, untruthful
Synonyms: Dishonest, Misleading, Fictitious, Disingenuous, Undependable
Antonyms: Veracious, Truthful
 None of his statement were very believable; some were downright mendacious.
- **Mendicancy** (n) (گداگری) Beggary
Synonyms: Damn, Denunciation, Expletive, Imprecation, Jinx, Whammy
Antonyms: Blessing, Permission, Sanction
 The crops failed for the third year in succession, and the poor farmers were forced to lead a life of mendicancy.
- **Menial** (Adj. & n) (کم درجہ، گھٹیا، ادنیٰ) Suitable for servants, Lowly, Mean
Synonyms: Fawning, Grovelling, Humdrum, Ignominious, Mean, Obeisant
Antonyms: Elevated, Skilled, Superior, Talented
 Though he is an educated man, he doesn't consider it below his dignity to do a menial job as that of polishing shoes or washing clothes.
- **Mentor** (n) (مشیر، استاد) Experienced and trusted advisor
Synonyms: Counsellor, Adviser, Guide, Guru, Tutor
Antonyms: Pupil, Student
 If you want to succeed in the film industry, the first thing you need to do is to find for yourself a mentor who can lead you to the right people.
- **Mercenary** (Adj. & n) (کرائے کا قاتل، سپاہی وغیرہ) 1. Working merely for money
 2. Hired soldier in foreign service
Synonyms: Acquisitive, Avaricious, Covetous, Grabby, Grasping
Antonyms: Generous, Unselfish
 His lust for money has made him nothing short of a mercenary – you can get anything done from him by just paying him enough money.
- **Mercurial** (Adj. & n) (سیما، چنچل، شوخ، زندہ دل) 1. Capricious, Changing, Fickle
 2. Lively 3. Of the planet mercury
Synonyms: Effervescent, Buoyant, Lively, Lubricious, Variable, Volatile
Antonyms: Brittle, Clumsy, Stiff
 Nobody trusts him because of his mercurial nature; he is so fickle-minded that at one moment he decides something and the very next moment he changes his mind.
- **Meretricious** (Adj.) (بھڑکیلا، زرق برق، دکھاوے کا) Showy but of little value, Falsely attractive
Synonyms: Tawdry; Gaudy, Spurious, Superficial
Antonyms: Genuine, Real, Unembellished

The rural women at the village fair came dressed in their Sunday best, which comprised bright, colourful skirts and shiny, meretricious jewellery.

- **Merger (n)** (دو کمپنیوں کا ادغام) Combining or merging of two companies etc. into one
Synonyms: Amalgamation, Combination, Unification, Union
Antonyms: Disintegration, Dissolution, Crumbling
The merger of these two companies will result in the formation of the second largest trading company in this continent.
- **Mesmerise (v)** (مغور کرنا) To hold complete attention of, Hypnotise
Synonyms: Entrance, Fascinate, Magnetise, Numb, Spellbind, Stupefy
Antonyms: Disillusion, Offend, Repel, Repulse
She mesmerised the audience with her tricks.
- **Metamorphose (v)** (شکل یا ہیئت تبدیل کر دینا) To change ones form completely
Synonyms: Commute, Develop, Mutate, Remake, Transfigure, Transmogrify
Antonyms: Languish, Decline, Suffer
It is indeed amazing how an ugly looking cocoon metamorphoses into a beautiful butterfly.
- **Metaphor (n)** (مجاز، کنایہ، استعارہ) Application of name or descriptive term or phrase to an object or action to which it is imaginatively but not literally applicable
Synonyms: Image, Metonymy, Personification, Similitude, Symbol
In the film, the polluted river is a metaphor for reckless urbanisation and mindless industrialization.
- **Mete (v & n)** (ناپنا، ناپ کر تقسیم کرنا) Administer, Distribute
Synonyms: Admeasure, Allocate, Dispense, Distribute
Antonyms: Keep, Monopolise, Withhold
Unable to bear the physical punishment being meted out to them regularly by the new teacher, the students decided to complain to the principal
- **Methodical (Adj.)** (باقاعدہ، منظم، چلن والا) Doing things carefully, using an ordered system
Synonyms: Logical, Meticulous, Disciplined, Systematic
Antonyms: Slovenly, Dishevelled, Messy
He had very methodically arranged all the files on the shelves, and never had any difficulty in finding any particular file.
- **Meticulous (Adj.)** (مختصلاً، باریک بین) Excessively careful, Painstaking
Synonyms: Scrupulous, Painstaking, Methodical, Vigilant, Conscientious
Antonyms: Remiss, Inconsistent, Slipshod
His drawings show how meticulously he has worked on them, taking pain all these days; I am sure they will be selected for the exhibition.
- **Metier (n)** (پیشہ، خصوصی مہارت، کام) One's trade or profession, one's forte
Synonyms: Employment, Forte, Profession, Pursuit, Vocation
Antonyms: Avocation, Recreation, Unemployment
After trying out various activities like painting and music, Yaqoot finally found her true metier in photography.

- **Metropolis (n)** (بڑا یا اہم شہر) Large city
Synonyms: Capital, Downtown, Megalopolis, Metropolitan Area, Municipality
Within a decade, the city of Karachi has transformed into a booming metropolis, from what used to be called the retirement paradise to one where most technology companies are now situated.
- **Mettle (n)** (شجاعت، جذبہ، ہمت) The will to continue bravely in spite of difficulties
Synonyms: Dedication, Determination, Pluck, Audacity
Antonyms: Powerlessness, Spinelessness, Weakness
Even though he fell down and badly hurt his knee, he showed his mettle and continued to run in the race.
- **Miasma (n)** (غیر صحت مند ماحول) 1. Unpleasant or unwholesome air, unhealthy environment 2. An evil and weakening influence
Synonyms: Effluvium, Fumes, Gas, Mephitic, Odour, Pollution
Antonyms: Clearness, Plainness
After he lost his only son in an accident, he seemed to sink into a miasma of bitterness and despair.
- **Microcosm (n)** (کائنات کا صغیر) Small world, Miniature representation
Synonyms: Small-Scale Version, Miniature Copy, Minute, Tiny
Antonyms: Universe, Cosmos, World, Society, Sphere, Whole
For the nationwide survey on consumer spending behaviour, the respondents were very carefully chosen to create a microcosm of the Pakistani society.
- **Mien (Adj.)** (چال، طایفہ، چال ڈھال) Bearing, Demeanour
Synonyms: Presence, Manner, Address, Appearance, Carriage
Mr. Akram was a man with a forbidding mien – he hardly had any friends and no one in the locality was too comfortable talking to him.
- **Migrant (Adj.)** (مہاجر، تارک وطن) Changing its habitat, Wandering
Synonyms: Drifter, Vagrant, Nomad, Wayfarer, Itinerant
Antonyms: Occupant, Inhabitant, Dweller, Local
The whole tribe had to migrate to a different place with its cattle in search of food and water.
- **Milieu (n)** (معاشرتی ماحول) Environment, esp. a person's social surroundings
Synonyms: Climate, Locale, Mise-En-Scène, Neighbourhood, Setting
Having been brought up in a protected family environment, she found it difficult to adjust herself in the unfamiliar milieu of a nuclear family.
- **Militant (Adj. & n)** (جنگجو) Engaged in warfare
Synonyms: Embattled, Fighting, Gladiatorial, Pugnacious, Quarrelsome
Antonyms: Pacifist, Peacekeeper
The militants shot dead two members of the family of the minister, and kidnapped his son; they are now demanding the release of two of their associates who were arrested by the police.
- **Militate (v)** (کس کے خلاف لڑنا) To fight against
Your laziness and carelessness will militate against your chances of getting through the exam.

- **Minatory (Adj.)** (دھمکانے والا، پرخطر) Threatening, An intention to hurt
Synonyms: Menacing, Impending, Inauspicious, Portentous, Scowling
Antonyms: Aiding, Assisting, Helping
 The tiger had a terrifyingly minatory look in its eyes, and had it not been caged, most people would have fainted.
- **Mince (v & n)** (تیسرے بنانا، چھن کر مٹھ کرنا) 1. Cut or chop into small pieces 2. [Mince words] To say things indirectly so as to not upset others
Synonyms: Crumble, Cut, Grind, Attitudinise, Flounce, Posture
 1. The recipe requires you to finely mince two pounds of tender lamb meat.
 2. The party spokesperson did not mince words in his statement to the press about the dissidents within the party, calling them traitors and turncoats.
- **Minion (n)** (مرہنما غلام) A favoured servant or dependent (used mostly in derogatory sense)
Synonyms: Bootlicker, Brownnoser, Dependent, Doormat, Fawner, Flatterer
Antonyms: Master, Leader
 In his irrational desire to be close to her, he has reduced himself to the state of a minion – she can get done anything she wants from him.
- **Ministration (n)** (امانت، امداد) Serving, attending to
Synonyms: Advocacy, Assistance, Benefaction, Cooperation, Deliverance, Antonyms: Blockage, Hindrance, Impediment, Injury, Obstruction
 Despite the ministrations of all the nurses and the best doctors, the child could not be saved; he succumbed to head injury.
- **Minuscule (Adj. & n)** (بہت چھوٹا) Extremely small
Synonyms: Lilliputian, Diminutive, Infinitesimal, Midget, Itsy-bitsy
Antonyms: Gigantic, Enormous, Massive, Mammoth
 I have a minuscule amount of money left in my bank account; it's not even enough to pay for my bills.
- **Minute (n)** (بہت چھوٹا) Extremely small
Synonyms: Miniature, Microscopic, Infinitesimal, Diminutive
Antonyms: Gigantic, Enormous, Massive
 He wanted everything to be in perfect order; he would not spare anybody for even a minute flaw in the arrangement.
- **Minutiae (n)** (کم اہم جزئیات) Small, unimportant details
Synonyms: Incidental, Minor, Small, Trifle, Trivia
 Instead of thinking and wasting time on the minutiae, let us first concentrate on the broad outlines of the project.
- **Mirage (n)** (تصویر کا دھوکا) 1. Optical illusion caused by atmospheric conditions, esp. appearance of sheet of water in desert 2. A dream, hope, or wish that cannot come true
Synonyms: Delusion, Fantasy, Hallucination, Phantasm
Antonyms: Actuality, Certainty, Fact, Reality
 For me, going to the US is a distant mirage; I don't think I can ever achieve this dream of mine.

- **Mire (v & n)** (دلدل) Stick in swampy ground, or in difficulties
Synonyms: Bog, Slough, Dirt, Fen, Glop, Sludge
Synonyms: Solution, Wonder
Antonyms: Unable to manage his finances properly, he finds himself mired in debts with several bills to pay.
- **Mirth (n)** (خوشی) Merriment, laughter
Synonyms: Amusement, Cheer, Entertainment, Festivity, Whoopee
Antonyms: Blues, Depression, Distress
 Amidst the mirth and laughter at the college farewell party, everyone could feel a pang of sadness at having to part ways.
- **Misanthrope (n)** (مردم بیزار) One who hates mankind
Synonyms: Doubter, Egoist, Hater, Isolate, Misanthropist, Recluse
Antonyms: Humanitarian, Philanthropist
 He must be quite a misanthrope to make such negative statements about the future of mankind -- he says that in the next thousand years, humans will become cannibals.
- **Misapprehension (n)** (غلط فہمی) Misunderstanding
Synonyms: Fallacy, Misinterpretation, Confusion, Delusion
Antonyms: Considerate, Indulgent, Sympathetic
 I had been under the misapprehension that Walton was Wilkins' brother; it is only a couple of weeks before that John himself told me that Walton was his friend.
- **Miscellany (n)** (مختلف النوع تحریروں کا مجموعہ) Mixture of writings on various subjects, esp. a collection of writings on different subject or by different writers
Synonyms: Assortment, Collection, Medley, Mixture, Anthology
Antonyms: Single, Divided, Part
 He is fond of collecting short stories by different authors; now he has become the youngest man to have a miscellany of more than ten thousand short stories.
- **Mischance (n)** (بد قسمتی، بد بختی) Bad luck
Synonyms: Accident, Contretemps, Misadventure, Misfortune, Mishap
Antonyms: Fortune, Good Luck, Happiness, Joy, Profit
 Though he had worked hard to top the examination, but it was by sheer mischance that he could not make it.
- **Misconstrue (v)** (غلط تعبیر کرنا، غلط معنی پہنچانا) Put wrong construction on (word, action), or mistake a person
Synonyms: Misinterpret, Mistake, Misjudge, Miscomprehend, Misread
Antonyms: Understand, Recognise, Grasp
 When I said that I was looking for a job, he misconstrued it to mean that I was currently unemployed; what I meant was that I was looking for a change of job.
- **Misdemeanour (n)** (قابل مواخذہ جرم جو سنگین نہ ہو) Minor crime or mistake
Synonyms: Lapse, Misbehaviour, Fault, Immoral, Peccadillo
Antonyms: Behaviour, Conduct, Comportment

Not having paid any attention to studies all the year long, he now has to pay for his misdemeanours by constantly being worried about the forthcoming exams.

- **Miserly (Adj.)** (میں، تجس، Stingy, Mean

Synonyms: Mean, Stingy, Parsimonious, Grudging, Tight-fisted
Antonyms: Benevolent, Compassionate, Munificent, Generous

Though he has no dearth of money but because of his miserly attitude, he doesn't even bother to dress up well while going out for a party.

- **Misgivings (n)** (دوسر، بدگمانی) Doubts, or fear, esp. about a future event

Synonyms: Suspensions, Reservations, Qualms, Doubts, Fears
Antonyms: Conviction, Assurance, Confidence

When he was served food by the tribesman, he looked at the strange dish with misgivings; he was afraid of eating it.

- **Mishap (n)** (حادثہ، اتفاق) Unlucky accident

Synonyms: Accident, Contretemps, Misadventure, Misfortune, Mischance
Antonyms: Fortune, Good Luck, Happiness, Joy, Profit

There had been many cases of serious and unlucky accidents on the route we were following, but we were lucky that our journey passed without any mishap.

- **Misnomer (n)** (فرضی نام کا استعمال) 1. Use of wrong name 2. Wrong use of name or term

Synonyms: Nom de guerre, Nom de plume; Pseudonym, Nickname, By-name
Antonyms: Real Name

It would be misnomer to call such a shabby place a mansion, it is more like a hut.

- **Missive (n)** (مراسلہ، سرکاری مراسلہ، پتنام) A letter, usu. a formal or official one

Synonyms: Communiqué, Epistle, Message, Memorandum, Correspondence
Antonyms: Speech

He sent his comments on and objections to the proposal submitted to him by the committee in an impressive eight-page missive, but forgot to put a stamp on the envelope.

- **Mite (n)** (تھوڑی رقم) Very small amount

Synonyms: Atom, Bit, Insect, Iota, Minute, Particle

Antonyms: Mammoth, Massive

Though she is severely criticized by all her colleagues, she does not care a mite for them.

- **Mitigate (v)** (شدت کم کرنا یا ہلکا کرنا) Reduce severity of; soften or lessen

Synonyms: Alleviate, Lighten, Diminish, Moderate, Ease

Antonyms: Intensify, Strengthen, Exaggerate

He tried all sorts of liniments and balms, but nothing could mitigate the pain in his shoulder.

- **Mnemonic (Adj. & n)** (مقوی حافظہ، حافظہ پرورد) Pertaining to memory, Something

used to remember something more difficult

Synonyms: Inkling, Innuendo, Intimation, Suggestion, Telltale

Perhaps the most common use of mnemonics is the word VIBGYOR, used to remember the colours of the rainbow: Violet, Indigo, Blue, Green, Yellow, Orange, and Red.

- **Mobile (Adj. & n)** (متحرک، قابل حرکت) 1. Movable, Not fixed 2. Light structure of metal, plastic, cardboard etc that may be hung so as to turn freely

Synonyms: Movable, Portable, Itinerant, Versatile, Wandering

Antonyms: Sessile, Immobile

He used to stay at home the whole day doing nothing, but now that he has a car, he has become quite mobile, going out as often as he gets a chance.

- **Mock (v & n)** (تضحیک کرنا، تزیل کرنا) 1. Ridicule, To make fun of 2. Artificial, but similar to the original

Synonyms: Buffoon, Burlesque, Caricature, Chaff, Jeer, Scorn

Antonyms: Flatter, Praise

1. It was very rude of you to mock him at his way of speaking; perhaps you're not aware that he suffers from a congenital speech defect.

2. So you've never been to Italy? she asked me in mock surprise, knowing the answer very well herself.

- **Mode (n)** (طریقہ، طور) Prevailing style, Manner

Synonyms: Mechanism, Method, Modus, Style, System, Technique

Antonyms: Deviation, Difference, Divergence, Irregularity

He's now become a successful businessman, and his success has changed the whole mode of his life; he now enjoys every comfort that he has always longed for.

- **Modicum (n)** (تھوڑی مقدار، قلیل مقدار) A small quantity or portion of something, esp. of good quality like truth

Synonyms: Fraction, Fragment, Grain, Inch, Iota, Jot, Little, Minim, Mite

Antonyms: Lot, Whole

If you had a modicum of common sense, you wouldn't have made such a blunder.

- **Modus Vivendi (n)** (راضی نامہ، معاہدہ صلح) Compromise between opposing parting, pact, treaty

Synonyms: Settlement, Resolution Agreement, Accord, Conformity

Antonyms: Dispute, Impasse

Though both the neighbours have been fighting for many years, they have now made an effort to reach some kind of modus Vivendi so that their children live peacefully.

- **Mollify (v)** (شدت کم کرنا (درد یا خفاش کی)) To soothe or calm

Synonyms: Pacify, Assuage, Appease, Placate, Conciliate

Antonyms: Nettle, Provoke, Agitate

He bought a new necklace and her favourite flowers for her, but could not mollify his wife who was angry with him for not coming in time.

- **Molt (v & n)** (پھلنا) Shed or cast off hair or feathers

Synonyms: Decorticate, Doff, Exuviate, Peel

Antonyms: Cover, Coat, Wrap

Our dog is molting again, his hair is all over the house.

- **Molten (Adj.)** (گھلا ہوا سیال) In a liquid state, because of great heat
Synonyms: Fused, Glowing, Igneous, Liquefied, Smelted
Deep down below the earth's surface is a core of molten mass of various metals, which sometimes emerges from the surface in the form of volcanic lava.
- **Momentous (Adj.)** (اہم، یادگاری) Having great importance
Synonyms: Significant, Important, Vital, Meaningful
Antonyms: Unimportant, Trivial, Petty
It was a momentous occasion for Pakistan cricket when Pakistan won the Cricket World Cup in 1992.
- **Momentum (n)** (معیار حرکت، مقدار حرکت) The force that keeps an object moving or an event progressing after the initial start
Synonyms: Impulsion, Drive, Thrust, Liveliness, Vigour
Antonyms: Powerlessness, Weakness
Though the Movement for a Moralistic Society was launched with a lot of fanfare and with a flurry of activity, it failed to gather momentum and is now hardly operational.
- **Monarchy (n)** (بادشاہت، ملوکیت) Government under a single ruler, A kingdom
Synonyms: Absolutism, Czarism, Despotism, Dictatorship, Monocracy
Antonyms: Democracy, Egalitarianism
Till very recently, Nepal used to be a monarchy ruled by a king, and even now, the King is the most revered figure in the small Himalayan nation.
- **Monastic (Adj.)** (راہبہ، خانقاہی) Related to monks or monasteries
Synonyms: Ascetic, Austere, Monkish, Reclusive, Solitary
Antonyms: Gregarious, Outgoing, Sociable
Disillusioned with life and shunned by friends, he started leading a monastic life in a small cottage beside a church on the outskirts of the city.
- **Monetary (Adj.)** (مالی، مالیاتی) Pertaining to money
Synonyms: Budgetary, Financial, Commercial, Economic, Fiscal, Pecuniary
Even though she does not get much monetary benefit from this job of caring for disabled children, what keeps her going is the immense satisfaction she derives from the work.
- **Monolithic (Adj.)** (ایک پتھر سے بنی ہوئی) Too large and uninteresting, and unwilling or unable to be changed
Synonyms: Enormous, Gigantic, Hulking, Immovable, Rigid, Severe
Antonyms: Multifarious, Flexible, Pliable
Pakistan's economy had been, for a very long time, a cluster of monolithic, state-run organizations which had accumulated huge losses over the years.
- **Monotheism (n)** (توحید، عقیدہ وحدانیت) The doctrine or belief that there is only one god
Unlike Hindus who believe in polytheism and worship various gods and goddesses, Muslims believe in the monotheism that there is only one Allah.

- **Monotony (n)** (یکسانیت، بیزاری، آکڑہٹ) Sameness leading to boredom
Synonyms: Dreariness, Ennui, Repetitiousness, Tediousness, Tedium
Antonyms: Excitement, Liveliness, Variability
Their routine was the same every day, with only one visit to the children's park on Saturdays to break the monotony.
- **Monumental (Adj.)** (یادگاری، عظیم الشان) 1. Of or serving as a monument 2. Massive and permanent
Synonyms: Fantastic, Immortal, Majestic, Prodigious, Stupendous, Tremendous
Antonyms: Insignificant, Trivial, Unimportant
2. Though a section of the media had described the Prime Minister's signing of the agreement as a monumental mistake at that time, it has been proved in the long run that it had been a wise decision.
- **Mope (v & n)** (اُسرہ دل سے کام کرنا) Be unhappy and listless
Synonyms: Chafe, Despair, Grieve, Grumble, Languish, Sulk, Yearn
Antonyms: Elated, Happy, Jubilant
There's no point in sitting at home and moping if you've lost one game -- you'll always get another chance to do better.
- **Morass (n)** (دلدل، الجھن، الجھڑ) 1. A marsh, 2. Anything that perplexes or slows things up, as a difficult situation
Synonyms: Tangle, Quagmire, Mess, Chaos, Muddle
Antonyms: Order, Organisation, Agreement, Breakthrough
The project is being delayed because of a mindless morass of rules and regulations, some of which are absolutely absurd.
- **Moratorium (n)** (تاریکی، ہٹ) Legal, or official delay (of payment, building etc)
Synonyms: Suspension, Adjournment, Deferment, Delay, Postponement
Antonyms: Continuation, Furtherance, Carry-Over
Considering the illegal construction of shops and houses in the area, the state government has declared a moratorium on the construction of new shops for the period of two years.
- **Morbid (Adj.)** (اُسرہ، طبع، حاس) Given to unpleasant thought, Interested in unpleasant subjects, esp. death
Synonyms: Sickly, Despondent, Ghoulish, Macabre, Melancholy, Sombre, Sullen
Antonyms: Happy, Healthy, Pleased, Sound
Deathclock.com, a website that tells you by some crazy calculations how many more seconds you have left on the earth, is a rather morbid concept, even though some people may find it amusing.
- **Mordant (Adj. & n)** (چمکتا ہوا، دلرز) (esp. of the way of expressing thoughts) cruel and cutting
Synonyms: Sarcastic, Acerbic, Caustic, Cynical, Disparaging, Poignant, Pointed, Sardonic
Antonyms: Calm, Mild, Soothing
If he has used such words of criticism, he's known for being mordant.

- **Mores (n)** (دراغ، معاشرتی روایت) Conventions, Moral standards, Customs
Synonyms: Attitude, Etiquette, Manners, Morals, Policies, Rituals, Routines
Antonyms: Ill-manners
 Even though he is known for not following social mores and customs, he should have at least been dressed properly for his sister's wedding.
- **Moribund (Adj.)** (قریب الہرگ، غیر فعال) Not active or successful, About to close down
Synonyms: Waning, Declining, Dilapidated, Vanishing, Flagging
Antonyms: Living, Existing, Alive
 The Commerce Ministry has hired an external consultant to plan the revival of the moribund public sector company, which has hardly produced anything for two years now.
- **Morose (Adj.)** (پڑاؤ، زورورج) Ill-humoured, sullen, melancholic
Synonyms: Depressed, Gloomy, Pessimistic, Dejected, Ominous
Antonyms: Jocular, Optimistic, Happy
 Usually when he comes home he is quite happy and cheerful, but yesterday, after he came from office, he seemed quite tired and morose.
- **Mortician (n)** (مورکن) A person who arranges funerals
Synonyms: Undertaker, Embalmer, Funeral Director
 Having worked as a mortician for so many years at the local cemetery, he looks at death a lot more matter-of-factly than most individuals.
- **Mortify (v)** (شکست کئی کرنا) 1. To humiliate greatly 2) To discipline the body by fasting etc
Synonyms: Degrade, Humiliate, Embarrass, Confound, Comeuppance
Antonyms: Compliment, Flatter, Praise, Satisfy
 1. To the great mortification of the organizers of the show, the maverick pop singer made several derogatory remarks against the local government.
- **Mosaic (Adj., n & v)** (پتلی کاری سے مشابہ کوئی ترتیب یا نمونہ) (Form or work or art) in which pictures or patterns are produced by joining together small pieces of stone, glass etc.
Synonyms: Medley, Assortment, Mixture, Variety, Hotchpotch
Antonyms: Single, Individual
 The city of Karachi presents a diverse cultural and social mosaic to the tourist, due to the influx of several different ethnic groups over the last several decades.
- **Mote (n)** (ذره، خاک کا ذرہ) A small particle, e.g. dust particle
Synonyms: Fragment, Grain, Iota, Particle, Smidgen, Speckle
Antonyms: Lot, Bunch, Whole
 A mote of dust got into her eye, causing her severe discomfort during the examination.
- **Motif (n)** (بنیادی خیال یا تصور) An underlying theme or the main element of any work of art. Any recurring design, feature or melody
Synonyms: Concept, Design, Idea, Structure, Subject
Antonyms: Practice, Exercise

- While all the curtains inside the house were plain and without any design, the curtain at the entrance was with a flower motif.
- **Motley (Adj. & n)** (کئی رنگوں والا) Made up of different colours, diverse element or unrelated persons
Synonyms: Conglomerate, Kaleidoscopic, Mingled, Prismatic, Rainbow
Antonyms: Homogenous, Uniform, Unmixed
 A motley crowd of pavement dwellers, fruit sellers, small shopkeepers, and other passers-by soon gathered around the site of the accident.
- **Mottled (Adj.)** (رنگین پٹاٹات والا) Patterned with irregular patches of colours
Synonyms: Speckled, Blotchy, Maculate, Spotted, Streaked, Tabby, Variegated
Antonyms: Plain, Simple, Unadorned
 He often wears a mottled jacket that doesn't go well with his personality; he must opt for a plain, single-coloured jacket.
- **Mountebank (n)** (عظمیٰ، شتم کیکم، سنری دوا فروش) A quack who uses cheap tricks to gain attention; a charlatan
Synonyms: Charlatan, Imposter, Swindler, Pretender, Fraud
Antonyms: Original, Real
 He managed to befool the innocent village dwellers under the garb of religion, but his own greed and overconfidence exposed him as a mountebank, and the villagers did not waste any time in chasing him out of their village.
- **Muddle (v)** (ذہنی طور پر گڈمڈ کرنا، بھوش کرنا) Confuse, bewilder esp. with drink
Synonyms: Mess, Bewilderment, Jumble, Chaos
Antonyms: Separate, Order
 Too much stress or too little sleep will almost certainly muddle a person's ability to concentrate.
- **Muggy (Adj.)** (گرم اور صی دالا) Unpleasantly warm and humid
Synonyms: Clammy, Moist, Mucky, Oppressive, Soggy, Sticky
Antonyms: Cool, Mild, Temperate
 I just hate the hot and muggy climate of this city; the weather in my hometown is so much more pleasant and cooler.
- **Multifarious (Adj.)** (متنوع، کثیرالانواع) Having great variety
Synonyms: Assorted, Diversified, Manifold, Multitudinous, Myriad, Varied
Antonyms: Homogeneous, Obvious, Plain, Simple, Uniform
 The club offered multifarious recreational options to its members, including a swimming pool, squash and tennis courts, billiards and pool tables and a small skating rink.
- **Multiplicity (n)** (کثرت، افراط) State of being numerous, Manifold variety
Synonyms: Conglomeration, Diverseness, Mélange, Potpourri
Antonyms: Sameness, Similarity, Uniformity
 Just ten years ago, car buyers had hardly any options to choose from; today the multiplicity of car models available in the market is truly amazing.
- **Mundane (Adj.)** (دنیائی) Worldly as opposed to spiritual, Of the universe
Synonyms: Banal, Humdrum, Tedious, Monotonous, Trite, Droning
Antonyms: Exciting, Extraordinary, Heavenly, Supernatural, Wonderful

He has always followed the path of spirituality, and mundane matters like clothing and eating are of no interest to him.

- **Munificent (Adj.)** (سخی، عظیم) Extremely generous (used for both gift and giver); over-magnanimous
Synonyms: Benevolent, Bountiful, Charitable, Philanthropic
Antonyms: Miserly, Paltry
Though he is not very rich, he has been extremely munificent in donating a substantial sum of money to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund
- **Mural (Adj. & n)** (دیوار پر مینا) Wall-painting
Synonyms: Art, Cityscape, Depiction, Portrayal, Representation, Sketch
Antonyms: Engraving, Etching
The painter made a mark for himself in painting murals; the walls of some of the most prestigious buildings in the city are adorned by his murals.
- **Murky (Adj.)** (دھندلا، مبہم) Dark, Gloomy
Synonyms: Dismal, Obscure, Caliginous, Filthy, Nebulous, Sombre, Turbid
Antonyms: Bright, Clear, Light, Luminous, Sparkling
Being quite sharp as well as eager to become rich, he was driven to the murky world of drug peddling and other big-city crimes.
- **Muse (v & n)** (غمازی سے سوچنا یا امر اتر کرنا) To think about something carefully and for a long time
Synonyms: Cogitate, Contemplate, Meditate, Percolate, Ponder
Antonyms: Ignore, Neglect
Sitting in his armchair with a cup of tea in his hand, he began to muse about starting his own business when suddenly a shriek disturbed all his thoughts.
- **Muster (v)** (اکٹھا کرنا، فوجی دستے، جمع کرنا) Gather, Assemble (esp. soldiers)
Synonyms: Aggregation, Assemblage, Company, Congeries, Group
Antonyms: Division, Separation
As soon as the general got the news of the enemy's approaching the border, he mustered his troops to plan the attack.
- **Musty (Adj.)** (سالم خوردہ، ترسودہ، بویدہ) Stale, Spoiled by age
Synonyms: Crumbling, Decayed, Malodorous, Noisome, Squalid
Antonyms: Unsullied, Fresh, New, Unmarked
The cottage had been empty for many years; when the burglar broke open the door and entered the room, he found it filled with musty smell.
- **Mutate (v)** (بدلتا، متغیر کرنا) To change shape completely and irreversibly
Synonyms: Modify, Amend, Convert, Transmute, Metamorphose
Antonyms: Uphold, Maintain, Sustain
Zahid has remarkably mutated from an awkward young teenager to a sophisticated young man.
- **Muted (Adj.)** (غماوش) Silent, Muffled, Toned down
Synonyms: Deafen, Benumb, Gag, Moderate, Muzzle, Subdue
Antonyms: Articulate, Speak
Though the idea was fantastic, it received a muted response from the members; now I can take it for granted that it would never be accepted by them.

- **Mutinous (Adj.)** (بغیانہ، باغی، بغاوت) Unruly, Rebellious
Synonyms: Rebellious, Defiant, Disloyal, Insubordinate, Riotous, Treasonable
Antonyms: Following, Obedient, Subordinate
During the late teens, when friends play a very important role in a youngster's life, there is the strongest possibility of the youth becoming mutinous -- hence, the role of the parents during these years is crucial.
- **Muzzy (Adj.)** (گھبراہٹ، الجھاوا) (Of a person) confused and unable to think clearly because of tiredness, illness, alcohol or drugs, or (of a situation, plans, language, etc.)
Synonyms: Doubtful, Uncertain, Ambiguous, Suspicious, Tenebrous
Antonyms: Determined, Obvious, Plain, Sure, Unequivocal
He received a severe blow on his head, felt muzzy and fell to the ground; it took him several minutes to think clearly and get up.
- **Myopic (Adj.)** (قریب نظر، قریب نظر) Short sighted, Lacking foresight
Synonyms: Astigmatic, Biased, Oblivious, Limited, Injudicious
Antonyms: Farsighted, Cunning, Quick, Sharp
It was quite myopic of the company managing director to accept the terms of the contract; it may prove profitable in the short term, but in the long run, it is bound to prove a burden.
- **Myriad (Adj. & n)** (بے شمار، لامحدود بڑی تعداد) Very large number
Synonyms: Innumerable, Countless, Immeasurable, Incalculable, Multitudinous
Antonyms: Calculable, Limited, Measurable
There was a time when the town had not even a single bar or hotel, but now, after two years, myriad bars and hotels are opening in the town.

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST

SYNONYMS

1. Malodorous
(a) Nauseating
(c) Fragile
(b) Savoury
(d) None of these
2. Marked
(a) Ambiguous
(c) Pelagic
(b) Conspicuous
(d) None of these
3. Maternal
(a) Paternal
(c) Amorous
(b) Utilitarianism
(d) None of these
4. Mediocre
(a) Customary
(c) Aggravate
(b) Greater
(d) None of these
5. Misanthrope
(a) Philanthropist
(c) Humanitarian
(b) Misanthropist
(d) None of these
6. Momentous
(a) Trivial
(c) Igneous

7. **Minatory**
(a) Inauspicious (b) Aiding
(c) Benevolent (d) None of these
8. **Manna**
(a) Benediction (b) Bombshell
(c) Brine (d) None of these
9. **Maelstrom**
(a) Quiet (b) Malicious
(c) Pandemonium (d) None of these
10. **Morass**
(a) Breakthrough (b) Conciliate
(c) Quagmire (d) None of these

ANTONYMS

11. **Marshal**
(a) Accumulate (b) Scatter
(c) Unspoiled (d) None of these
12. **Meagre**
(a) Substantial (b) Exiguous
(c) Scanty (d) None of these
13. **Metamorphose**
(a) Transmogrify (b) Languish
(c) Metonymy (d) None of these
14. **Miserly**
(a) Parsimonious (b) Miscomprehend
(c) Compassionate (d) None of these
15. **Monastic**
(a) Solitary (b) Czarism
(c) Sociable (d) None of these
16. **Meretricious**
(a) Tawdry (b) Unembellished
(c) Metamorphose (d) None of these
17. **Motley**
(a) Homogenous (b) Kaleidoscopic
(c) Comeuppance (d) None of these
18. **Metier**
(a) Avocation (b) Vocation
(c) Avaricious (d) None of these

ANSWERS

1.	a	2.	b	3.	c	4.	a	5.	b
6.	b	7.	a	8.	a	9.	c	10.	c
11.	b	12.	a	13.	b	14.	c	15.	c
16.	b	17.	a	18.	a				

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- **Nadir** (n) (انتہائی زوال کا زمانہ) Place or time of greatest depression
Synonyms: Underneath, All-time Low, Base, Bottom, Rock Bottom, Zero Level
Antonyms: Zenith, Apex, Pinnacle
His defeat at the hands of an upstart politician in 1993 marked the nadir of his political career, since then, his fortunes have been on the upswing.
- **Naïve** (Adj.) (سادہ لوح، سیدھا سادہ) Quality of being unsophisticated, Simplicity
Synonyms: Artlessness, Gullibility, Inexperience, Ingeniousness
Antonyms: Sophisticated, Urbane
As an absolute fresher in the corporate world, I was too naïve to understand the finer points of corporate diplomacy and what went on behind those closed top management doors.
- **Narcissism** (n) (نرسیسم، خود محبت) Abnormal self-love or excessive self-admiration
Synonyms: Arrogance, Boastfulness, Bragging, Conceitedness, Egocentricity
Antonyms: Complacency, Altruism, Humility
With the kind of time she spends in front of the mirror, I sometimes feel there is too much of a narcissistic element in her.
- **Narrative** (n & adj.) (کہانی، بیانہ) A story or description of events told in first person
Synonyms: Chronological, Sequential
Antonyms: Indirect Talk
The first SAT essay was a narrative essay.
- **Nascent** (Adj.) (دجڑ میں آتا ہو، نوجن) Coming into being, beginning to be
Synonyms: Sprouting, Blooming
Antonyms: Fading, Decaying
One of his earliest lessons in the corporate world was to not let a nascent problem grow big; he learns that it was important to nip a problem in the bud.
- **Natty** (Adj.) (خوش لباس، سلیقہ مند) Neatly or smartly dressed
Synonyms: Spruce, Smug
Antonyms: In rags
It was arranged carefully and nattily.
- **Nauseate** (v) (پکار کرنا، متفر کرنا) 1. Cause to become sick 2. Fill with disgust
Synonyms: Sicken, Repel, Appal
Antonyms: Animate
The atmosphere in and around the hospital after the explosion was so nauseating that the patients could not swallow food.
- **Nautical** (Adj.) (بحری، جہازی) Pertaining to ships or navigation
Synonyms: Marine, Navigational

- The party had a nautical theme – the host was dressed up like a sailor, the entire ambience was that of a ship, and the guests were treated as if they were the passengers of a luxury cruise.
- **Navigable (Adj.)** (نہایت جہاز رانی) Affording passage for ships
Synonyms: *Dirigible, Passable, Negotiable*
During summers, this river becomes too shallow to be navigable, so the boats ply only from September to March.
- **Nebulous (Adj.)** (بہم، دھندلا، غیر واضح) Vague, Hazy, Cloudy
Synonyms: *Indistinct, Turbid, Obscure*
Antonyms: *Distinct, Clear*
Nothing was clear from his nebulous ideas, and we decided not to take them into consideration.
- **Necropolis (n)** (قبرستان، شہرِ نموشاں) Large cemetery (esp. in ancient cities)
Synonyms: *God's Acre, Catacomb, City of the Dead, Crypt, Graveyard*
Antonyms: *Schools, Colleges*
The archeologist, while excavating the ruins of the ancient city, came across a necropolis, and saw that along with the dead, the inhabitants used to also bury all earthly belongings of the deceased person.
- **Nefarious (Adj.)** (انتہائی بد معاش) Wicked, Extremely immoral
Synonyms: *Iniquitous, Vile, Vicious*
Antonyms: *Angelic, Virtuous*
In a shocking revelation, three reputed doctors were found to be involved in the nefarious activity of smuggling human organs out of the hospital for their commercial gains.
- **Negate (v)** (تردید کرنا، نفی کرنا، جھٹلانا) To cause something to lose effect and therefore become useless
Synonyms: *Counteract, Annul*
Antonyms: *Affirm*
The heavy rain negated all their efforts to set the tent upright; they finally gave up and waited for the rain to stop.
- **Negligence (n)** (غفلت، بے پروائی) Lack of proper care or attention
Synonyms: *Delinquency, Dereliction, Laxity*
He could not pass the examination because of his negligence towards studies; he was often seen sleeping in his room when he should have been studying.
- **Nemesis (n)** (مکاناتِ عمل، پاداش) 1. A cause of punishment or defeat that cannot be avoided 2. A fierce opponent
Synonyms: *Bane, Adversary, Bête Noire, Rival, Ruination, Scourge, Torment*
Antonyms: *Advantage, Benefit, Boon*
1. The financial scandal involving the armament purchase deal proved to the Prime Minister's political nemesis at the subsequent elections – his party had to suffer a massive defeat following charges of corruption.
2. The sight of her nemesis filled her with rage.

- **Neologism (n)** (نیا لفظ یا ترکیب) A newly coined word
As communication is getting speedier with the popularity of the e-mail, a number of colloquial neologisms have been coined and assimilated into the dictionary of the present computer-savvy generation.
- **Neophyte (n)** (نوراز، نوآموز) A beginner
Synonyms: *Novice, Fledgling, Tyro*
Synonyms: *Veteran, Expert, Virtuoso*
Despite being a neophyte in the field of stock markets, he has an amazing ability to predict the trend in the prices of stocks and has soon gained a reputation for himself as a market analyst.
- **Nepotism (n)** (اثرِ بہاری) Undue favour in appointing one's relatives to office
As a result of the rampant nepotism among the owners of this company, many of the employees are distant relatives and other members of the owner's family.
- **Nescient (Adj. & n)** (بے خبر، نادان) Lacking knowledge, Totally ignorant
Synonyms: *Apprenticed, Benighted, Naive, Obtuse, Witless*
Antonyms: *Competent, Educated, Intelligent, Knowledgeable*
Jawad's nescience of science fiction is rather obvious.
- **Nestle (v)** (خود کو آرام میں محفوظ کرنا) To make oneself comfortable in a nice and pleasant place
Synonyms: *Snuggle, Nuzzle, Burrow, Cuddle, Huddle*
Antonyms: *Displace, Move, Remove*
After the long day's work he finally took a cup of tea and nestled down in his favorite armchair in front of the TV.
- **Nettle (v & n)** (پھیرنا، زچ کرنا) 1. To make someone angry esp. for a short time, 2. A type of plant growing profusely on waste land and covered with stinging hairs
Synonyms: *Vex, Irrk, Grate, Rankle, Annoy, Irritate*
Antonyms: *Mollify*
1. I stung myself on a stinging nettle.
- **Neuralgia (n)** (دردِ اعصاب) Sharp pain in the nerves
He's been suffering from a neuralgic pain for the last three months because of which he cannot turn his neck to the left.
- **Neutral (Adj. & n)** (غیر جانبدار) 1. Impartial, Not supporting one side over another 2. Having features or characteristics that are not easily noticeable
Synonyms: *Nonchalant, Unbiased*
My former classmate tried his best to make me take his side when I was called upon to settle his dispute with a colleague, but I decided to remain neutral.
- **Nexus (n)** (تعلق، جوڑ، تعلق) Connection
Synonyms: *Group, Gang*
Antonyms: *Hiatus, Time-worn*
The fact that they had both killed a man was not the only nexus the two soldiers shared.

- **Nicety (n)** (نیکائی، نازک فرق) Small details those are visible only after careful observation
Synonyms: Precision, Daintiness, Exactness, Meticulousness, Nuance, Subtlety
Antonyms: Imprecision, Inaccuracy, Inexactness
 The merger of the two companies could have taken place nearly two months ago, had the accountants and legal experts from both sides not spent so long arguing about financial and legal niceties.
- **Nifty (Adj.)** (طرزِ عداد، چمکتا) Smart, stylish
Synonyms: Chick, Ingenious, Exquisite, Elegant, Fashionable, Dainty
Antonyms: Repellent, Repugnant, Nauseating
 His nifty way of talking and dressing has made him a point of attraction in every party he attends.
- **Niggard (n & adj.)** (تجوّس، کینہ) Miser
Synonyms: Stingy, Parsimonious, Penurious, Skinflint
Antonyms: Generous, Munificent
 Such a niggardly donation of a hundred dollars for a cause as huge as this just does not befit his high social status; I never knew he was such a miser.
- **Niggle (v)** (معمولی جزئیات پر بہت زیادہ توجہ کرنا) 1. To pay too much attention to small details, esp. when finding faults 2. To worry someone, usu. for a long time, and not very seriously
Synonyms: Cavil, Punctiliousness, Grievance, Remonstrance, Repugnancy
Antonyms: Acceptance, Agreement, Concurrence, Consent
 1. Since the bill sent to him was exceeding what it should have been according to his calculation, he niggled over every detail of the bill.
 2. I have this niggling doubt that I may have left the bathroom faucet running, said the husband to his wife after they had gone about 100 miles from their home.
- **Nihilism (n)** (مذہب یا اخلاقی اصولوں سے مکمل بے اعتنائی) Rejection of all religious and moral principles
Synonyms: Abnegation, Rejection, Renunciation, Scepticism, Antagonism
Antonyms: Belief, Faith, Obedience, Optimism
 After swinging in his political ideologies from the extreme left to the extreme right, and being disappointed by both, he has now become a confirmed nihilist, saying that all ideologies are worthless.
- **Nip (v & n)** (نشدنا کو روکنا) 1. Stop something's growth or development 2. Squeeze sharply 3. A pinch or sharp squeeze 4. Check to growth caused by coldness of air
Synonyms: Chomp, Prune
 In a hurry, he nipped his finger in the wedge on the door, and cried out in pain.
- **Nirvana (n)** (روح کی نہایت جو ذات کی ثا سے حاصل ہوتی ہے) A high spiritual state that brings freedom from all worries
 Moving out of her parents' house and staying on her own in the residential campus of the university was like attaining nirvana for her as she was free to do whatever she wanted.

- **Nocturnal (Adj.)** (شبانہ، شینی) 1. Done at night 2. Active at night
Antonyms: Daily
 Though both the leopard and the panther hunt in the same manner, the only difference is that while the leopard hunts during the day, the panther is nocturnal.
- **Noisome (Adj.)** (ناگوار، بدبودار) Very unpleasant, Offensive, Harmful
Synonyms: Unwholesome, Noxious, Putrid, Malodorous, Fetid
Antonyms: Beneficial
 I could not bear the noisome stench coming from the slaughter house and quickly retreated to my car.
- **Nomadic (Adj.)** (غائب، بدوشانہ) Wandering from place to place
Synonyms: Bohemian, Itinerant, Vagabond
 The Gypsies, because of their nomadic lifestyle, do not stay at any place for more than a few months.
- **Nomenclature (n)** (نظام تسمیہ) Systematic naming of things
Synonyms: Catalogue
 Since he was not familiar with the nomenclature used in computer hardware, he could not make any sense of what the computer engineer said.
- **Nominal (Adj.)** (برائے نام) Existing in name only, but not in reality; Virtually nothing
Synonyms: Titular, Mere
Antonyms: Expounding
 Since the purpose is so noble, the chartered accountant has decided to charge them only a nominal sum as his retainership fee.
- **Nonage (n)** (نابالغی، کم عمری) Being under age
Synonyms: Infancy, Adolescence
 He could not get the license because of his nonage, had he been above eighteen, he would have got it.
- **Nonchalance (n)** (بے پرواہی، بے غرضی) Indifference, Lack of concern, Composure
Synonyms: Insouciance, Composure
 I'm always amazed at how he manages to remain so nonchalant before the exam; I always turn into a nervous wreck.
- **Noncommittal (Adj.)** (غیر وابستہ، بے وعدہ، لا تعلق) Not expressing (or refusing to express) a clear opinion
Synonyms: Neutral, Unpledged, Undecided
 I can hardly come to any conclusion whether she is interested in joining us because her answer to me was very noncommittal.
- **Nonconformist (n)** (جو کردار اور فکر و عمل کے مردچہ شعائر کا پابند نہ ہو، باغی) A person who behaves and thinks in a way that is different from other people
Synonyms: Maverick, Individualist, Oddball, Eccentric, Mutinous
Antonyms: Conformist, Traditionalist, Follower

The outrageous way in which she had dressed up and was behaving at the party made me feel that she is quite a nonconformist; I don't think she will be suitable for this job where we require a straight thinker.

- **Nondescript** (Adj. & n) (انوکھا، نرالا، آدمیا تیر آدھا بشر) Very ordinary, Having nothing exciting about it
Synonyms: Prosaic, Prosy
Within a year, he managed to make his website from a nondescript entity on the Internet to among the most well known in the US.
- **Nonentity** (n) (غیر اہم شخص یا چیز) 1. Person of no importance or ability 2. Non existence
Synonyms: Cipher, Nullity
Antonyms: Bigwigs
Unfortunately, she was considered a nonentity.
- **Nonpareil** (Adj. & n) (بے نظیر، لامتناہی، یکاں) Unrivalled or unique (person or thing)
Synonyms: Peerless, Inimitable, Paramount, Primo, Transcendent, Unsurpassed
Antonyms: Common, Insignificant, Ordinary, Standard,
Sir Donald Bradman was the batsman nonpareil -- no other batsman has been able to come anywhere near his record average of 99.96 in test cricket in the last fifty years.
- **Nonplus** (n & v) (حیرانی، متذبذب، حیرانی) State of utter surprise, Not knowing how to react
Synonyms: Perplex, Mystify, Thwart
Not expecting such personal questions at the interview, he was totally nonplussed by the questions put to him by the young and attractive interviewer.
- **Nostalgia** (n) (یاد وطن کا عارضہ، ماضی پرستی) Feeling of fondness for something in the past, Longing for the past
In a nostalgic mood, my grandfather recalled all sorts of dresses he used to wear in his childhood.
- **Notoriety** (n) (بدنامی) The state of being notorious
Synonyms: Marred, Disregard
Antonyms: Esteem, Regard, Honour, Cachet
He achieved notoriety in the neighborhood for being the rudest and the most ill-behaved teenager around.
- **Nous** (n) (فراست ذہن اور دماغ) Good judgement and practical ability
Synonyms: Acumen, Astuteness
Antonyms: Plainness
Even at that tender age, he had the business nous to buy property just before the prices went up.
- **Novelty** (n) (انوکھا، نیاپن) New or unusual thing or occurrence
Synonyms: Innovation
Antonyms: Cliché
For the poor residents of the isolated village, finding a team of foreigners amongst them was an absolute novelty and many of them were afraid to come near the strange-looking, white-skinned people.

- **Novice** (n) (نواۓموز، نیاآزمودہ کار) Beginner, or inexperienced person
Synonyms: Neophyte, Tyro, Naive
Antonyms: Expert, Authority
He is a novice at this stage, but will be experienced within a couple of months.
- **Noxious** (Adj.) (فاسد، مضر) Harmful
Synonyms: Baneful, Deleterious, Virulent
Antonyms: Beneficial
The Government has strictly warned the factory owners against throwing noxious chemicals in the river as it would contaminate the water causing great loss to the aquatic life.
- **Nuance** (n) (معتنی یا رنگ میں دقیق سا فرق) Slight shade of difference in meaning or color, Subtle distinction
Synonyms: Hue, Brilliance
Antonyms: Analogy
The sentences formed from the words in this list help convey the nuances of the meanings of each word.
- **Nub** (n) (مغز، لب لباب) The most important or basic part of something
Synonyms: Crux, Essence, Core, Gist, Quintessence
Antonyms: Outside, Perimeter, Surface
Though I can roughly explain the difficulties we are facing, even I'm not aware of the nub of the problem.
- **Nubile** (Adj.) (بہانگی، لڑکی) Young and attractive (woman), Marriageable
James Bond, the fictional secret agent created by Ian Fleming, is the archetypal macho man who loves to play with danger and is surrounded by nubile young women at most times.
- **Nugatory** (Adj.) (بے کار، بے اثر) Having no worth or meaning, not valid
Synonyms: Invalid, Futile, Trivial, Banal
Antonyms: Consequential, Momentous
A closer look at my compensation package revealed that many of the allowances were merely nugatory and did not mean much to me, even though the overall salary was pretty good.
- **Nullify** (v) (ساقط کرنا، باطل قرار دینا) To make invalid
Synonyms: Invalidate, Annul, Void
The solution was boiled to nullify the effect of the reagent in it, which could have caused the reaction to occur spontaneously.
- **Numinous** (Adj.) (روحانی، باثوق الغیرت) Indicating presence of divinity
Synonyms: Divine
Antonyms: Worldly
The numinous experience involves being in the presence of someone or something holy.

- **Nuptial** (Adj. & n) (نہدائی، عروسی) Related to marriage
They decided to get married in a court and the person who performed the nuptial rites said that it was the first time that he had officiated at a wedding.
- **Nurture** (n & v) (پرورش کرنا، تعلیم و تربیت) 1. Bringing up. 2. Nourish 3. Educate
4. Foster
Synonyms: *Pabulum, Sustenance*
Though he is not their son, he has been nurtured by them as their own son.
- **Nutrient** (Adj. & n) (غذائی، غذائیت سے بھرپور) (Substance) serving as or providing nourishment
Synonyms: *Sustenance, Nourishment*
It is advisable to wash the vegetable before cutting so that the valuable nutrients required by our body do not get washed away.
- **Nuzzle** (v) (ناک رگڑنا) Press or rub gently with the nose
As a wake-up call, my little dog comes on my bed and nuzzles my feet each morning at 7 o' clock sharp.

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST

SYNONYMS

1. **Nemesis**
(a) Bête Noire (b) Boon
(c) Essence (d) None of these
2. **Nescient**
(a) Knowledgeable (b) Benighted
(c) Fragile (d) None of these
3. **Nugatory**
(a) Momentous (b) Insignificant
(c) Banal (d) None of these
4. **Nexus**
(a) Vogue Word (b) Hiatus
(c) Graveyard (d) None of these
5. **Nonage**
(a) Inexperience (b) Infancy
(c) Zero Level (d) None of these

ANTONYMS

6. **Nadir**
(a) Base (b) Nauseating
(c) Pinnacle (d) None of these
7. **Nascent**
(a) Sequential (b) Fading
(c) Spruce (d) None of these

8. **Negate**
(a) Affirm (b) Counteract
(c) Turbid (d) None of these
9. **Nocturnal**
(a) Malodorous (b) Daily
(c) Offensive (d) None of these
10. **Notoriety**
(a) Eminent (b) Esteem
(c) Cliché (d) None of these

ANSWERS

1.	a	2.	b	3.	c	4.	a	5.	b
6.	c	7.	b	8.	a	9.	b	10.	a

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- **Oaf (n)** (بے وقوف، گادری) Stupid person
Synonyms: Chump, Dunc, Imbecile, Nincompoop, Simpleton
Antonyms: Charmer, Enthusiast, Opportunist
He must be an absolute oaf to have done such a silly thing!
- **Obdurate (Adj.)** (مندی، ہٹ دھرم) Fixed in one's beliefs and thoughts, Stubborn
Synonyms: Intractable, Obstinate, Recalcitrant
Antonyms: Yielding, Docile
Despite all my requests, she remained obdurate that she wouldn't cross the border with me, so I had to leave her alone and move on.
- **Obeisance (n)** (تقییم، کورٹش) An act or respect or obedience such as a bow or curtsy
Synonyms: Allegiance, Deference, Genuflection, Kowtow, Reverence
Antonyms: Noncompliance, Contempt, Disparage
Anybody who did not bow his head in obeisance to the queen was immediately banished from court.
- **Obese (Adj.)** (فربہ اندام، بہت موٹا) Very fat, Fat to the extent of unhealthiness
Synonyms: Adipose, Corpulent, Paunchy, Plump, Fatty
Antonyms: Emaciated, Lenient, Scrawny
He was already a little plump, so his doctor strictly advised him to stay away from fatty foods if he did not want to become obese.
- **Obfuscate (v)** (دانت طور پر کسی چیز کو کم واضح اور زیادہ مشکل بنانا) Confuse, Make it difficult to understand, perhaps intentionally
Synonyms: Darken, Stupefy, Obscure, Muddle
Antonyms: Clarify, Enlighten, Elucidate
When she saw that she was losing the argument, she tried to obfuscate the main issue by talking about rather irrelevant things.
- **Obituary (n)** (اعلان وفات) A formal announcement of someone's death (in a newspaper etc.)
Synonyms: Death Notice, Eulogy, Necrology
Antonyms: Birth Announcement
Her family decided to publish an obituary notice in the local newspaper to inform all the relatives and friends about her sudden demise.
- **Objective (Adj.)** (بامقصد، ایمانداری) Not influenced by personal emotions, Fair and just
Synonyms: Disinterested, Equitable, Nonpartisan, Unbiased, Uninvolved
Antonyms: Subjective, Skewed, Slanted
Since I have been closely involved with the formation of this company, it is difficult for me to do an objective assessment of the company's position; it's better if an outsider does the assessment.

- **Objective (n)** (هدف، مقصد) Goal, Aim
Synonyms: Ambition, Aspiration, Mission, Purpose, Target
Antonyms: Futility, Aimlessness
The company has set a long-term objective of doubling its turnover every three years for the next fifteen years.
- **Oblation (n)** (پڑھانہ، نذر، نیاں) Offering made to god
Synonyms: Gift, Offering, Presentation, Sacrifice, Sacrament
In the heart of each being it is the fire that receives the oblation.
- **Obligatory (Adj.)** (واجب، ضروری، لازم) Binding, Required to be done according to the rules or the law
Synonyms: Compulsory, Mandatory, Prerequisite
Antonyms: Optional, Voluntary, Discretionary
It is obligatory on anyone entering a Mosque, the religious place of the Muslims, to take off their shoes.
- **Oblique (Adj.)** (جانبی، مائل، کج) 1. Indirect 2. Slanting, Inclined
Synonyms: Askance, Bent, Crooked, Pitched, Pitching, Tilted, Twisted
Antonyms: Direct, Forthright, Straightforward
1. In his first address as the President of the society, he made several oblique references to the inefficiency of his predecessor, though he never named him directly.
- **Obliquity (n)** (کج روی، اخلاقی یا دماغی کجی) Deviation from what is morally correct or from sound thinking, Crooked conduct
Synonyms: Fraudulent, Corrupt, Disingenuous, Illegitimate, Hypocritical
Antonyms: Candid, Level-headed
When he was a child, his uncaring father and mild mannered mother never bothered to correct his obliquities, and his minor offences slowly took the shape of criminal conduct.
- **Obliterate (v)** (مٹانا، تلف کرنا) Destroy completely
Synonyms: Raze, Annihilate, Delete, Abolish, Extirpate
Antonyms: Originate, Initiate, Instigate
The nuclear bomb dropped on Hiroshima during the Second World War obliterated the whole city.
- **Oblivious (Adj.)** (بھول جانے والا، غافل) Not paying any attention, Being totally ignorant about something
Synonyms: Heedless, Inattentive, Incognisant, Negligent, Unacquainted
Antonyms: Concerned, Conscious, Mindful, Sensitive
Totally oblivious to the commotion around him, the young student was absorbed in listening to his walkman on the train.
- **Obnoxious (Adj.)** (نہایت کڑوا، قابل نفرت) Extremely unpleasant or offensive
Synonyms: Odious, Detestable, Invidious, Loathsome, Nauseating, Ornery
Antonyms: Delightful, Charming, Enchanting
She found his crude and suggestive jokes absolutely obnoxious and walked out of the room in a huff.

- **Obscurantism (n)** (جان بوجھ کر پھیلانے کا رویہ) Intentional opposition to the truth being known
Synonyms: Backlash, Counterrevolution, Regression, Retrogression, Status Quo
Antonyms: Affiliation, Devotion
 The courageous young lawyer created a sensation in the court when he charged the renowned industrialist of obscurantism by bribing the witness and using other dishonest means to stifle the truth.
- **Obscure (Adj. & v)** (مطموع و دھوا) Difficult to understand, Not well known
Synonyms: Baffling, Ambiguous, Murky, Blurred, Perplexing
Antonyms: Evident, Clear
 Hence, to make something obscure
 The small village he comes from is so obscure that it not even marked on this atlas.
- **Obsequious (Adj.)** (طبعاً زیادہ مٹھنے والے) Too eager to serve or obey, without caring for loss of self-respect
Synonyms: Toady, Bootlicker, Sycophantic, Smarmy, Fawning
Antonyms: Imperious, Arrogant, Authoritative
 The obsequiousness displayed by some workers of the party towards the party president was so embarrassing that the president was himself feeling ashamed.
- **Obsessive (Adj.)** (فکری، مادی، ذہنی پر مہمانے والا) Overpowered by the thought of something, continually thinking about the same thing
Synonyms: Contumacious, Credulous, Dogmatic, Monomaniacal, Obstinate
Antonyms: Unemotional, Impartial, Apathetic
 The thought of becoming an airplane pilot has so obsessively overpowered the young boy that he cannot think of anything but flying a plane.
- **Obsolete (Adj.)** (متردک، غیر مروج) No longer useful, Completely outdated
Synonyms: Disused, Discarded, Archaic, Outdated
Antonyms: Novel, Contemporary
 With the advent of electric bulbs and emergency lights, the use of gas lamps became obsolete.
- **Obstinate (Adj.)** (مضد، سخت دھرم) Refusing to change one's stand, Stubborn, Inflexible
Synonyms: Adamant, Obdurate, Recalcitrant, Stubborn
Antonyms: Malleable, Yielding
 In spite of his father's repeated advice to him to become a doctor, he remained obstinate about joining the Army.
- **Obstreperous (adj.)** (سرکش، بے قابو) Noisy and unruly
Synonyms: Boisterous, Obitrative, Vigorous, Raucous
Antonyms: Harmonious, Melodious, Pleasant
 The obstreperous children made it hard for their parents to take them anywhere.

- **Obtrude (v)** (زبردستی آئے کو بڑھانا، زبردستی دھل انداز کرنا) Push (oneself or one's idea) forward, Stick out
Synonyms: Extrude, Impose, Infringe, Interfere, Intrude
Antonyms: Discharge, Obey, Observe
 She said that she had no intentions of obtruding on our privacy, but could not refrain herself from giving us some advice.
- **Obtuse (Adj.)** (کنڈ زمین) 1. Slow at understanding, Dull-witted 2. Blunt or rounded, not sharp
Synonyms: 1. Dense, Imperceptive, Unintelligent 2. dulled, edgeless
Antonyms: Bright, Intelligent, Quick, Smart
 His answers in the class are at times so obtuse that I sometimes feel he has a serious mental deficiency.
- **Obviate (v)** (دور کرنا، دفع کرنا) 1. Make unnecessary or redundant 2. To remove from the way (usu., a difficulty)
Synonyms: Neutralise, Intervene, Preclude, Remove, Restrain
Antonyms: Foster, Encourage, Augment
 The use of E-mail has obviated the use of telegram which was believed to be the fastest way of communicating; people can now send any message all over the world within no time.
- **Occidental (Adj.)** (مغربی، یورپی) Belonging to the western part of the world, esp. Europe and the Americas
Synonyms: Western
Antonyms: Oriental
 As opposed to the oriental culture which pays a lot of importance to the niceties of showing courtesy and making pleasant conversation, the occidental people, especially the Americans, have a more direct and straight forward approach towards everything.
- **Occult (Adj.)** (ہمارا) Magical and mysterious, Hidden from knowledge
Synonyms: Mysterious, Secret, Cabalistic, Supernatural
Antonyms: Manifest, Known, Natural
 Everyone in the village believed that he had some occult powers; the villagers had seen him chanting hymns and talking to someone who he says is an evil spirit.
- **Ocular (Adj.)** (آنکھوں کا) Of the eyes
Synonyms: Eye, Ophthalmic, Optic, Sight, Visible, Visual
Antonyms: Bones, Paediatrics
 He has been suffering from an ocular disease, which went unnoticed all these days, and now that he has lost one of his eyes, he has decided to meet Dr. Sadaqat Ali, a renowned eye specialist.
- **Ode (n)** (غنائی نظم) A long poem addressed to a person or thing
Synonyms: Lyric, Poesy, Rhyme, Composition, Epode, Limerick
Antonyms: Prose
 His poem he recited at the school farewell was an ode to the glorious days we all had at school, and brought emotional memories flooding in front of us.

- **Odious (Adj.)** (نفرت انگیز) Very unpleasant, hateful
Synonyms: Repulsive, Obnoxious, Loathsome, Repellent, Abhorrent
Antonyms: Delightful, Delectable, Pleasing
 In the movie, Anthony Hopkins plays the odious character of a pay-killer and has come up with a chilling portrayal of the role, sure to send shiver down everyone's spine.
- **Odoriferous (Adj.)** (خوشبودار) Having or emitting a smell, esp. an agreeable one, Fragrant
Synonyms: Aromatic, Ambrosial, Fragrant, Perfumed, Redolent
Antonyms: Unscented, Stinking
 The residence of the perfume seller was remarkably odoriferous; I came back with hundreds of pleasant smells tickling my nose.
- **Odour (n)** (ناگوار بوی) A smell, esp. an unpleasant one
Synonyms: Smell, Stink, Stench, Niff
Antonyms: Aroma, Fragrance
 A strong odour of cooking gas was coming from the kitchen, so I went there to investigate.
- **Odyssey (n)** (مہم) (طویل سفر جس میں سیاحت، مہمات اور سختیاں پیش آئیں، مہم) Long and eventful journey
Synonyms: Adventure, Expedition, Exploration, Pilgrimage, Quest
 The odyssey of Gulliver in which he finds himself among Giants and Lilliputian creatures, has been one of the most popular adventures stories among children.
- **Offend (v)** (غصے پہنچانا، ناخوش یا برہم کرنا) To hurt the feelings of someone
Synonyms: Irk, Disgruntle, Exasperate, Irritate, Vex, Zing
Antonyms: Please, Soothe, Serene
 She likes her kitchen to be neat and clean, the very sight of anything kept in disarray offends her.
- **Offertory (n)** (ہڑحاد یا چندہ اکٹھا کرنا) Collection of money at a religious service
Synonyms: Oblation, Donation, Endowment, Offering, Remittance
Antonyms: Forfeit, Loss, Penalty
 Offertory collections developed in the days when people were paid weekly in notes and coins.
- **Offhand (Adj.)** (بغیر تیاری) Casual, Done without prior thought
Synonyms: Brusque, Instant, Easygoing, Glib
Antonyms: Deliberate, Premeditated, Planned
 Since I was in a hurry, I had an offhand talk with him on the proposal; we did not finalise anything.
- **Officious (Adj.)** (خواہ مخواہ خدمت پر کمر بستہ) Interfering, Offering service or advice that is not wanted
Synonyms: Meddlesome, Obtrusive, Interfering, Prying, Ubiquitous
Antonyms: Apathetic, Lethargic
 The founder of the company was quite upset by the officious attitude of the investor -- there was hardly a decision of his that the investor approved of.

- **Ogle (v)** (نظر ہانی کرنا) To look at with great interest, esp., sexual interest
Synonyms: Stare, Focus, Gawk, Glare, Goggle, Leer, Rivet, Rubberneck
Antonyms: Ignore, Disregard, Disparage
 That group of spoilt and perverted teenagers does nothing but ogle at the girls going to college every day.
- **Ogre (n)** (خونک شخص) A frightening person, A very ugly and large person
Synonyms: Demon, Devil, Fiend, Monster, Troll
Antonyms: Charming, Elegant
 When he was a child, his mother had instilled in him the fear of the police, and he still regards a policeman as some kind of an ogre out to get him.
- **Oleaginous (Adj.)** (روغنی، چٹان، تیل والا) 1. Producing oil, oily, fatty 2. Extremely polite, kind or helpful in a false way that is intended to benefit oneself
Synonyms: Blubbery, Fatlike, Greasy, Lardaceous 2. Oily, Sycophant, Unctuous
Antonyms: Solid, Hard 2. Discourteous, Boorish
 2. The owner of the company just loves flattery, and Adnan, with his oleaginous ways, has made use of this weakness of his boss to his fullest advantage.
- **Olfactory (Adj.)** (سوجھنے کی چیز) Concerning the sense of smell
 He damaged his olfactory nerve in an accident because of which he cannot smell anything.
- **Oligarchy (n)** (حکومت جس میں طاقت چند لوگوں میں مرکوز ہوتی ہے، حکومت اشرافیہ) Government by a privileged few
Synonyms: Dictatorship, Autocracy, Coercion, Cruelty, Despotism
Antonyms: Democracy, Egalitarianism
 Instead of being a democracy that it was set out to be, the North African country was reduced to an oligarchy in which only a privileged few people had all the powers in their hands.
- **Ominous (Adj.)** (خس، بد شگونی والا) Indicating that something bad is going to happen, Giving a warning
Synonyms: Portentous, Sinister, Apocalyptic, Augural, Fateful
Antonyms: Auspicious, Promising, Propitious
 The computer has been making an ominous sound all the day, we cannot say when it would stop working.
- **Omnibus (n)** (ایسی تحریروں کا مجموعہ جو ایک ہی موضوع پر ہوں یا ایک ہی مصنف کی ہوں) A book containing several works of the same writer
Synonyms: Compilation, Anthology, Compendium, Treatise, Vade Mecum
Antonyms: Modus Vivendi
 'Les Fauves' is an Omnibus written by John Tolemy, an eminent writer of early 19th century; the book has been widely acknowledged.
- **Omnipotent (Adj.)** (مطلق) Having enough power to be able to do anything that is desired.
Synonyms: Divine, Mighty, Supreme, Unlimited, Unrestricted
Antonyms: Impotent, Weak

Though he behaves as if he were omnipotent, he is fit for nothing and regarded as a useless and unwanted person who boasts of too much and does nothing.

- **Omnipresent (Adj.)** (ہاں ہر جگہ) Present everywhere and at the same time
Synonyms: Infinite, Pervading, Pervasive, Universal, All-Present
Antonyms: Light, Limited, Narrow
The omnipresence of the mosquitoes prevented us from sleeping; we had to spend the whole night looking for something that could drive away the mosquitoes.
- **Omniscient (Adj.)** (ہاں ہر شے) Having or seeming to have unlimited knowledge, or knowing everything
Synonyms: Knowledgeable, Preeminent, Wise, Polymath
Antonyms: Stupid, Unknowing
The subject is so vast that it is impossible for even the most intelligent person to be omniscient in it.
- **Omnivorous (Adj.)** (ہر خورد، سب کچھ کھانے والا) Eating both plant and animal food
Synonyms: Rapacious, Gluttonous, Greedy, Predatory, Ravenous, Voracious
Antonyms: Carnivorous, Herbivorous
Unlike herbivorous and carnivorous animals that feed on plants and other animals respectively, an omnivorous animal can feed on both plants as well as animals.
- **Onerous (Adj.)** (ممت طلب، مشکل) Difficult to do or needing a lot of effort
Synonyms: Arduous, Tedious, Laborious, Gruelling, Strenuous
Antonyms: Vegetarian, Vegan, Herbivorous
In those days, the onerous job of clearing forests was given to the criminals with a bad record.
- **Onslaught (n)** (خف حملہ) A fierce and sudden attack
Synonyms: Attack, Assault, Ambush, Waylay
Antonyms: Truce, Peace, Conciliation
The Nuclear onslaught on Hiroshima by America during the Second World War caused great loss to both property and life.
- **Onus (n)** (زمر داری، فرض) Responsibility for doing something
Synonyms: Responsibility, Encumber, Compulsion, Duty, Commitment
Antonyms: Common, Light, Trivial
After the sad demise of his father, now the onus of looking after the family is on him since he is the eldest of all the brothers.
- **Onyx (n)** (سیانی پتھر) Stone like marble with colours in layers
Synonyms: Atramentous, Brunet, Charcoal, Clouded, Inky
Antonyms: White
She was wearing an expensive onyx brooch at the party.
- **Opalescent (Adj.)** (دردھا قرح رنگ) Having softly-shining and quickly changing display of colours
Synonyms: Prismatic, Bright, Iridescent, Perlaceous, Polychromatic
Antonyms: See-through, Translucent, Transparent

From outer space, the earth appears a brilliant green-and-blue opalescent sphere; the glorious reflection of sun rays by the ocean waters making it a most spectacular sight.

- **Opaque (Adj.)** (غیر شفاف) 1. Through which light cannot pass 2. Difficult to understand
Synonyms: Blurred, Cloudy, Dusky, Fuliginous, Murky
Synonyms: Transparent, Translucent
Antonyms: Transparent, Translucent
The spokesperson made such an opaque statement that no one, including the members of his own party, could understand it.
- **Opiate (n)** (سکون آدرن) Anything bringing relaxation or sleep
Synonyms: Anodyne, Opium, Sedative, Soporific, Tranquiliser
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Antonyms: Exciting, Exhilarating
She had not slept for nearly two days since her husband had a heart attack, so the doctors decided to give her a mild opiate.
- **Opinionated (Adj.)** (لبی رائے سے نہ ہٹنے والا) Too sure that one's opinions are the only ones right
Synonyms: Adamant, Cocksure, Dogmatic, Intransigent, Stubborn
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Antonyms: Compromising, Indifferent, Open-Minded
Though he is knowledgeable, most students find him too opinionated; and this overconfidence of his made him quite unpopular with the students.
- **Opportune (Adj.)** (باموقع، بروقت، درست) Timely, Well-chosen, Coming/happening at the right time
Synonyms: Auspicious, Felicitous, Propitious, Apposite
Antonyms: Inauspicious, Unlucky, Unsuitable
This lottery prize could not have come at a more opportune time for me; I was severely in need of some money to repair my house.
- **Opportunist (n)** (موقع پرست، ابن الوقت) Individual who does all to meet one's own ends by taking advantage of circumstances
Synonyms: Vacillator, Carpetbagger, Timeserver, Trimmer
Antonyms: Kind, Naive
It was a highly opportunistic grab for as many tickets as possible.
- **Opprobrious (Adj.)** (لغات آئیز یا رسوا کن) Showing great disrespect
Synonyms: Abusive, Contemptuous, Denigrating, Malevolent
Antonyms: Laudatory, Complimentary, Flattering
The students of this class are notorious for being disrespectful, and in a recent outrageously opprobrious incident, they went to the extent of drawing an owlish caricature of one of the teachers on the blackboard just before his class.
- **Optician (n)** (عینک ساز، عینک فروش) Maker and seller of eyeglasses
The optician showed me all types of eyeglasses he had in his store, but none of them fitted me too well.
- **Optimist (n)** (رجائیت پسند، رجائی، پُرامید) A person who looks at all things with a positive frame of mind, Who thinks that whatever happens will be for good

Synonyms: Pollyanna, Dreamer, Hoper, Idealist

Antonyms: Pessimist, Naysayer

He says he did very well in the examination, and so is quite optimistic about getting a good rank.

- **Optimum (Adj.)** (بہترین، سچ) Most favourable, Most likely to bring success
Synonyms: Excellent, Flawless, Maximum, Optimal, Apex
Antonyms: Least, Poorest, Worst

A catalyst needs an optimum temperature to act; it fails to carry out the required reaction if the temperature is too high or too low.

- **Optional (Adj.)** (اختیاری، انتخابی) Which may be freely chosen or not chosen, Not obligatory
Synonyms: Possible, Alternative, Elective, Volitional, Voluntary
Antonyms: Obligatory, Mandatory

These questions in red are optional; it is not compulsory for you to answer them.

- **Opulence (n)** (لذت، دولت) Great wealth
Synonyms: Luxuriousness, Lavishness, Magnificence, Sumptuousness
Antonyms: Penury, Destitution, Indigence

The way he dresses up and spends money lavishly clearly indicates his opulent family background.

- **Opus (n)** (کمال کا کام) A great work of art
Synonyms: Creation, Oeuvre, Piece, Product

The opera director plans to release his grand musical opus with a lot of fanfare at the Sydney Opera House this summer.

- **Oracle (n)** (پیش گوئی کرنے والا) Person or thing considered able to give wise, reliable guidance
Synonyms: Augur, Predictor, Diviner, Forecaster, Prognosticator
Antonyms: Imbecile

His father has been an oracle for him, guiding and advising him at every stage of his life.

- **Orator (n)** (مقرر، خطیب) An effective public speaker
Synonyms: Declaimer, Lector, Rhetorician, Sermoniser
Antonyms: Listener, Audience

A crowd of over six thousand people had turned out at the stadium to hear the master orator speak.

- **Ordain (v)** (مقرر کرنا) 1. To make someone a leader, usu. a religious leader, or a priest, 2. To order or command
Synonyms: Establish, Install, Anoint, Delegate, Nominate, Pronounce
Antonyms: Cancel, Disallow, Retract, Void

The luck that is ordained for you will be coveted by others.

- **Ordeal (n)** (آزمائش) A difficult or harsh experience
Synonyms: Affliction, Anguish, Calamity, Nightmare, Torment, Visitation
Antonyms: Happiness, Pleasure

The boy went through a terrible ordeal when his father died in the accident.

- **Ordinance (n)** (حکم، فرمان) An authoritative order or direction
Synonyms: Authorisation, Dictum, Order, Regulation, Ukase

Antonyms: Proposal, Suggestion
Though the ordinance governing e-commerce officially came into effect in 1999, there has hardly been any follow-up action to it and so the laws remain largely unimplemented.

- **Ordnance (n)** (توپ خانہ، سامان جنگ، اسلحہ) Military weapons, ammunition, combat vehicles etc.
Synonyms: Artillery, Arms, Arsenal, Munitions, Weapons
Antonyms: Troops, Personnel

The Ordnance factory, because of its high-security nature, has been taken over by the government and from now onwards, all weapons in the country will only be manufactured and sold under government's supervision.

- **Orgy (n)** (مشر و نظام) A wild and unrestrained indulgence, as in a party with large quantities of food, alcohol, etc.
Synonyms: Feast, Merrymaking, Saturnalia, Splurge, Spree, Surfeit
Antonyms: Asceticism, Sobriety, Abstinence

1. A drunken orgy went on in the hostel room last night, and most of those who were there still have a bad hangover.

2. The raucous mob broke into a wild orgy of rioting and looting and the police had to fire gas shells in the air.

- **Oriental (n)** (شرقی، شرقی) Belonging to the eastern part of the world, esp. East Asia
Synonyms: Asian
Antonyms: Occidental, Western

Dr. Shahzad specialises in acupuncture, an Oriental therapy which originated in China, and is planning to spend a few months in Beijing learning advanced form of the technique.

- **Orientation (n)** (نقشہ، رخ بندی) A position or direction
Synonyms: Adjustment, Acclimatisation, Bearings, Location, Position
Antonyms: Disorientation, Mix-up

This course in Mass Communication has a very practical orientation and students are required to undertake part-time internships with various media and other communication-related organisations throughout the year.

- **Orifice (n)** (سوراخ، درزن، دھانہ) An opening or hole
Synonyms: Aperture, Cavity, Slit, Spout, Vent, Window
Antonyms: Closing, Closure, Solid

A flood of water rushed out of the orifice in the wall.

- **Ornate (Adj.)** (زیادہ زینت والا، پر زینت) Excessively or elaborately decorated, Not simple
Synonyms: Adorned, Baroque, Flamboyant, Glamorous, Luscious, Sumptuous
Antonyms: Unadorned, Basic, Unembellished

While the common people lived in simple houses made of wood or mud, the head of the town lived in a house built in an ornate style, decorated with flowers and leaves.

- **Ornithology** (n) (علم الطيور، پرندوں کا علم) Study of birds
He has done a few courses in ornithology at college, so his knowledge about these birds is bound to be more than yours.
- **Orthodox** (adj.) (تقاربت پسند، صحیح العقیدہ) Traditional, Conservative in belief
Synonyms: Conservative, Mainstream, Established, Traditional
Antonyms: Modern, Unconventional
While her mother, who herself is modern, has no objection in sending her out to work, her father holds an orthodox view and doesn't approve of her going out to work.
- **Oscillate** (v) (موجوہا، ہلنا) To keep moving regularly from side to side, as in the pendulum of a pendulum-clock
Synonyms: Fluctuate, Liberate, Lurch, Palpitate, Vacillate, Wobble
Antonyms: Remain, Stay
For the last few days, my mood has been oscillating between one of extreme joy at finishing school and going to college, and of intense depression at the thought of separating from all my school friends.
- **Osmosis** (n) (سرایت، انقباض، علم یا نیکیات کا تدریجی انقباض) The gradual passing of a liquid through a thin layer or membrane. Hence, the way in which information or knowledge spreads through people.
Synonyms: Assimilation, Diffusion, Passage
Antonyms: Departure, Egress, Evacuation
He was never taught how to draw; he picked up the art by osmosis merely by watching other children draw.
- **Ossicle** (n) (کوئی چھوٹی ہڈی) A little bone or bone like part
The chicken was not very well cooked; there were a few tiny ossicles in the gravy that was supposed to be boneless.
- **Ossify** (v) (ہڈی بنانا، استخوان سازی) Change or harden into bone. Hence, to become hard and unchanging in one's ideas
Synonyms: Congeal, Fossilise, Indurate, Petrify, Stiffen, Thicken
Antonyms: Melt, Soften
The chairman's thinking has been ossified because of the success of the company over the last few years, but now his fixed ideas on distribution may no longer hold good.
- **Ostensible** (Adj.) (نمائشی، دکھائے کا) Seeming or pretending, but not necessarily true, Apparent
Synonyms: Meretricious, Avowed, Manifest, Plausible, Quasi, Specious
Antonyms: Improbable, Obscure, Unlikely, Vague
The ostensible reason behind his death was his illness, but the real reason was his money for which his brother himself killed him.
- **Ostentatious** (Adj.) (نمائشی، پر نمود، خوشفا) Showy, Unnecessarily displaying one's resources (wealth or knowledge)
Synonyms: Conspicuous, Extravagant, Meretricious, Grandiose, Pretentious
Antonyms: Modest, Plain, Quiet, Reserved

The wedding reception of the corporate tycoon's son was nothing but an ostentatious display of wealth and glamour; I was not impressed in the least.

- **Osteopath** (n) (ہالٹی سٹج، دستی جراح) A person who attempts to heal diseases by manipulation of affected parts of the body
The pain in my neck had been bothering me for a couple of years; finally I decided to go to the osteopath who carefully manipulated my damaged neck.
- **Ostracise** (v) (برادری باہر کرنا، حصہ ہٹانی بند کرنا) To exclude from a group or not accept in a group
Synonyms: Blackball, Boycott, Expel, Oust, Snub
Antonyms: Embrace, Welcome
Because of his involvement in various antisocial activities, the residents of the locality decided to ostracise him out of their locality.
- **Otiose** (Adv) (غیر ضروری، بیکار، ناگاہ) Not required, serving no practical purpose
Synonyms: Redundant, Indolent, Listless, Slothful, De trop
Antonyms: Hopeless, Ineffective, Useless, Vain
This room in the house is very much otiose -- we haven't used it for the last several years, so you can easily move in here.
- **Oubliette** (n) (ایسا قید خانہ جس کا راست صرف چھت میں سے ہے) A dungeon with only a single opening (at the top or through a trapdoor)
Synonyms: Cell, Dungeon, Chamber, Vault
With great difficulty, the hostage managed to escape from the oubliette through the only opening it had -- a trapdoor on the roof through which he had been brought in.
- **Oust** (v) (نکال دینا، بے دخل کرنا) To force someone out of a place or position, Drive out
Synonyms: Banish, Deprive, Eject, Give the 1-2-3, Ostracise, Unseat
Antonyms: Hold, Keep, Retain
The director ousted the manager from the company for his misbehaviour with his colleagues.
- **Outlandish** (Adj.) (کی دوسرے دیں کا) Strange and unusual and difficult to accept or like
Synonyms: Alien, Eccentric, Foreigner, Grotesque, Weird, Whimsical
Antonyms: Common, Familiar, Normal, Ordinary, Usual
The designs which were considered to be outlandish a couple of years before have come into existence nowadays and people accept them now.
- **Outmoded** (Adj.) (متردک، غیر مروج، دیاؤنی) No longer in vogue, Old-fashioned
Synonyms: Anachronistic, Démodé, Fossilised, Obsolescent, Obsolete
Antonyms: Current, Modern, Up-to-date, Contemporary
The computer language COBOL is quite outmoded in writing computer programs -- no one uses it any longer.
- **Outskirts** (n) (مضافات، تفرج) Fringes, Outer borders
Synonyms: Environs, Periphery, Suburb, Vicinity
Antonyms: Centre, Downtown

The gypsies did not get the permission to enter the city, so set up their camp in the outskirts.

- **Outstrip (v)** (بڑی لے جانا، آگے نکل جانا) To be or become greater in amount, degree or success than (something or someone)
Synonyms: Best, Defeat, Exceed, Excel, Outdo, Overtake, Transcend, Win
Antonyms: Cede, Lose, Relinquish
Though he is a hard-working man but if he wants to be on the top, he must outstrip hard-work.

- **Outwit (v)** (چالاک کرنا، زیادہ ہوشیار ثابت ہونا) To obtain an advantage over (someone) by acting more cleverly and often by using a trick
Synonyms: Bewilder, Circumvent, Dupe, Finagle, Hoodwink
Antonyms: Surrender, Yield
For four years he stayed in the jail planning a way to escape, and in the fifth year, he managed to outwit, the otherwise prudent, jail authorities and escape.

- **Ovation (n)** (نعرہ ہائے تحسین، ہرجوش استقبال) Enthusiastic clapping or applause, A joyful expression of public approval
Synonyms: Acclamation, Applause, Bravos, Laudation, Kudos
Antonyms: Silence, Quietness

The young hero was received with an ecstatic ovation by the crowd after winning the best actor award; the whole auditorium echoed with their clapping.

- **Overalls (n)** (ہاس، وردی) A garment used to cover the whole body, used esp. by workers

Synonyms: Jump Suit, Coveralls, See Clothes, Pants

Antonyms: Jacket, Jersey

The painter forgot to wear his overalls before painting and spoiled his clothes.

- **Overbearing (Adj.)** (آمر، اپنی مرضی کے تابع کرنے والا) Bossy and arrogant
Synonyms: Domineering, Predominant, Regnant, Supercilious, Tyrannical
Antonyms: Modest, Nice, Unassertive
His wife has such an overbearing personality that he hardly has any say in the functioning of the household.

- **Overt (Adj.)** (کلمہ کلا، صاف، مرتب) Open to view, Not secret
Synonyms: Apparent, Manifest, Observable, Open, Visible
Antonyms: Covert, Concealed, Secret
The dead body had no overt signs of injury which could be taken into consideration for any action against the man who was alleged to have beaten him to death.

- **Overture (n)** (تمہیدی فقرہ، ابتدائی) 1. Approach made with the aim of starting a discussion, a friendly approach or proposal 2. A musical introduction to a longer piece of music
Synonyms: Advance, Exordium, Foreword, Preamble, Prologue
Antonyms: Conclusion, Finish
Though he tried his best by making overtures of friendship to her, she gave no response at all.

- **Overweening (Adj.)** (مفرور، خودیست) Too proud or sure of oneself, arrogant
Synonyms: Presumptuous, Haughty, Supercilious, Snooty
Antonyms: Modest, Reticent, Unpretentious
Mehwish's overweening pride and arrogance has made her very unpopular. She is not liked in the society she lives in.
- **Overwrought (Adj.)** (اعصاب زدہ) Too excited or agitated because of nervousness
Synonyms: Agitated, Distracted, Frantic, Hyper, Stirred
Antonyms: Calm, Collected, Cool, Rested
Stage-fear has always been his weakness, the moment he steps on the stage, he feels so overwrought that starts stammering.

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST

SYNONYMS

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| 1. Ode | (b) Boon |
| (a) Prose | (d) None of these |
| (c) Limerick | |
| 2. Odoriferous | (b) Neutral |
| (a) Ambrosial | (d) None of these |
| (c) Essence | |
| 3. Oaf | (b) Nincompoop |
| (a) Enthusiast | (d) None of these |
| (c) Munitions | |
| 4. Offertory | (b) Penalty |
| (a) Endowment | (d) None of these |
| (c) Forecaster | |
| 5. Obnoxious | (b) Loathsome |
| (a) Enchanting | (d) None of these |
| (c) Conscious | |
| 6. Offend | (b) Excursion |
| (a) Soothe | (d) None of these |
| (c) Exasperate | |
| 7. Omniscient | (b) Narrow |
| (a) Unknowing | (d) None of these |
| (c) Preeminent | |
| 8. Optional | (b) Volitional |
| (a) Mandatory | (d) None of these |
| (c) Essence | |
| 9. Orgy | (b) Abstinence |
| (a) Saturnalia | (d) None of these |
| (c) Authorisation | |
| 10. Ostracise | (b) Periphery |
| (a) Embrace | (d) None of these |
| (c) Boycott | |

ANTONYMS

11. Obeisance
(a) Novice
(c) Noncompliance
 12. Obese
(a) Adipose
(c) Veteran
 13. Onyx
(a) White
(c) Charcoal
 14. Oblivious
(a) Preoccupied
(c) Concerned
 15. Odour
(a) Stench
(c) Melodious
 16. Omnipotent
(a) Unrestricted
(c) Auspicious
 17. Optimist
(a) Naysayer
(c) Apex
 18. Ordeal
(a) Visitation
(c) Pleasure
- (b) Genuflection
(d) None of these
 - (b) Emaciated
(d) None of these
 - (b) Parsimonious
(d) None of these
 - (b) Unacquainted
(d) None of these
 - (b) Aroma
(d) None of these
 - (b) Impotent
(d) None of these
 - (b) Pollyanna
(d) None of these
 - (b) Ukase
(d) None of these

ANSWERS

1.	c	2.	a	3.	b	4.	a	5.	b
6.	c	7.	c	8.	b	9.	a	10.	c
11.	c	12.	b	13.	a	14.	c	15.	b
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- **Pacifist (n)** (سکھ جو، امن پسند) One opposed to force, A person who does not believe in wars
Synonyms: Peaceful, Interlocutor, Peaceable, Quiet, Resistant
Antonyms: Militarist, Violent, Jingoist, Wild
An increasing number of young people are turning pacifists these days – condemning war and spreading the message of peace.
- **Pacify (v)** (پاک کرنا، امن بنانا، اس بحال کرنا) 1. Soothe, Make calm or quiet 2. Bring peace to a warring area
Synonyms: Console, Appease, Mollify, Placate
Antonyms: Annoy, Aggravate, Infuriate
She was furious with him for coming late to the party, however, he managed to pacify her.
- **Paeon (n)** (خوشی کا گیت) Song of praise or joy
Synonyms: Praise, Acclamation, Encomium, Plaudit, Salutation
Antonyms: Calumny, Criticism, Dirge
The song, specially composed by the master musician on the occasion of the new millennium, was a paeon to world peace and prosperity in the new century.
- **Paediatrician (n)** (بچوں کے امراض کا پتہ) A doctor who specialises in children's diseases
Synonyms: Child Specialist
Antonyms: Obstetrician
Most parents in the locality wanted to give their children a perfect treatment, so they took them to Dr. Sehrish who was a well-known paediatrician.
- **Pagan (n)** (لا مذہب، بت پرست، کافر) A person who does not believe in religion, or does not believe any fixed religion
Synonyms: Heathen, Atheist, Agnostic, Nonbeliever
He says that he has absolutely no faith in God and calls himself a pagan.
- **Pageant (n)** (ایک عظیم الشان مظاہرہ، نمائش یا محفل تفریح) A spectacular public show, procession or exhibition
Synonyms: Demonstration, Parade, Show, Spectacle
Antonyms: Stampede
Many Pakistanis are now protesting against the popular beauty pageants as they feel the show is a waste of money and time.
- **Painstaking (Adj.)** (بتکاوش، محنت کش) Taking great care, Very thorough with one's work
Synonyms: Meticulous, Conscientious, Methodical, Vigilant
Antonyms: Remiss, Slapdash, Negligent
Most tennis stars would admit that it took them years of painstaking practice to reach this position.

- **Palate (n)** (طَر، ذائقہ کی چیز) 1. The roof of the mouth 2. A taste or liking for something
Synonyms: Appetite, Delectation, Exhilaration, Fervour, Pleasure, Verve, etc.
Antonyms: Apathy, Reluctance, Indifference
- 2. I do not have the palate for such rich and heavy food. Some plain roast chicken would be good enough for me.
- **Palaver (n)** (کھانا، غیر ضروری اور تپ تپ آہنی) Unnecessary inconvenience and trouble
Synonyms: Banter, Bother, Nuisance, Problem, Argument
Antonyms: Soothing, Appeasing
 He created a lot of fuss and palaver when he lost his driving license.
- **Palette (n)** (رنگ کی چیز، صورت کا تختہ) The board on which a painter mixes colours
 Most good painters usually mix colours directly on the paint board rather than on the palette.
- **Pall (n)** (تھکا، جھ) Something dark or heavy which covers or seems to cover
Synonyms: Cloak, Mantle, Melancholy, Shadow, Shroud, Veil
Antonyms: Brightness, Excitement, Happiness
 A pall of smoke hung over the garage as one of the cars being repaired had caught fire.
- **Pall (v)** (پال، کھنکھانے پر جانا) Become uninteresting or unattractive, Grow tiresome (esp. because of repeated or over use)
Synonyms: Fade, Diminish, Wither, Lighten, Shrink, Shivel
Antonyms: Augment, Flourish
 When I was young, flying used to excite me a lot, but now that I travel so frequently, the pleasure of air travel has totally palled.
- **Palliative (n)** (درد کم کرنے کی دوا) A drug that reduces pain or discomfort, but does not cure. Hence, anything that makes a problem seem less serious but does not solve it altogether
Synonyms: Soothing, Painkiller, Analgesic, Sedative, Sop
Antonyms: Stimulating, Irritating
 Psychologists have found that for some people suffering from depression, going on a shopping spree can prove to be a palliative experience.
- **Pallid (Adj.)** (پالا، بے روشنی، مٹا) Unusually or unhealthily pale, Dull and lifeless
Synonyms: Wan, Ashen, Pasty, Colourless, Sickly, Sallow
Antonyms: Ruddy, Rubicund
 Because of her prolonged illness, she was looking unusually pallid yesterday.
- **Palpable (Adj.)** (محسوس ہونے والا، صاف ظاہر) Tangible, That which can be easily felt by the senses
Synonyms: Obvious, Apparent, Blatant, Conspicuous, Touchable
Antonyms: Hidden, Intangible, Obscure
 His parents could guess the good news without his telling them as his excitement was palpable.
- **Palpate (v)** (چھون کر جانچنا) Examine medically by touch
Synonyms: Touch, Caress, Examine, Inspect, Strike
Antonyms: Operate

- as the doctor palpated his stomach, he could feel a small lump which he suspected could be a tumour.
- **Palpitate (v)** (دھک دھک کرنا) To tremble. Also, (of the heart) to beat fast and irregularly
Synonyms: Palpate, Shiver, Pound, Quiver, Vibrate
Antonyms: Calm, Peace
 He knew that he would be severely punished for the mistake he had made, he could feel his heart palpitating with fear.
- **Paltry (Adj.)** (کم قدر، بے وقعت) 1. Insignificant, Petty, Worthless 2. Nasty and ungenerous
Synonyms: Contemptible, Trivial, Worthless, Loathsome
Antonyms: Significant, Munificent
 Despite getting a scholarship, he had to take a student loan as the scholarship amount was paltry.
- **Pan (v)** (تہمت تھینے کرنا) Criticise harshly
Synonyms: Reprimand, Slate, Flay, Berate, Scold
Antonyms: Appreciate, Value, Eulogise
 Though the novel won a lot of critical acclaim, the film based on it was badly panned by the critics.
- **Panacea (n)** (اکسیر اعظم، ہر مرض کی دوا) Something that will cure all troubles, Universal remedy
Synonyms: Cure-all, Catholicon, Cure, Elixir, Nostrum, Remedy
Antonyms: Disease, Injury, Complexity
 It was not a doctor but an audience which proved to be a panacea for her depression, she wanted to talk to someone and share her feelings.
- **Panache (n)** (چیزوں کو بڑے اعتماد اور شاندار طریقے سے کر لینے کی قابلیت) With great style and skill, Doing difficult things without too much effort
Synonyms: Brio, Charisma, Forte, Swagger, Élan
Antonyms: Spiritlessness
 He used to solve problems with such panache that the company decided to appoint him the official trouble shooter.
- **Pandemic (Adj.)** (عامگیر دہائی) A widespread disease. Hence, anything widespread
Synonyms: Universal, Cosmic, Customary, Ecumenical, Worldwide
Antonyms: Endemic
 Corruption is a pandemic problem in Pakistan, spread across all levels, specially the government bureaucracy.
- **Pandemonium (n)** (اندھیر گری، وحشیانہ لائٹنیت) A scene or state of utter chaos and disorder
Synonyms: Commotion, Anarchy, Chaos, Hubbub, Rumpus, Tumult
Antonyms: Calm, Peace
 The movie theatre became a scene of sheer pandemonium when somebody from the audience loudly shouted that there was a bomb in the theatre.
- **Pander (v)** (دلالی کرنا) To cater to the (usu. unpleasant or undesirable) wishes of others
Synonyms: Brownnose, Satisfy, Supply, Gratify
Antonyms: Deny, Dissatisfy, Refuse

Her father sternly warned her that she had been pondered to long wishes and should not expect that all her wishes would be fulfilled

- **Panoply (n)** (کنج و فتنہ کن اقباب) A wide range or collection of different things

Synonyms: Arrangement, Fanfare, Manifestation, Pourpouri
Antonyms: Single, Distinguished

The modern doctor has a whole panoply of drugs and medicines to choose from for various illnesses, unlike in the past when the number of medicines that could be prescribed was severely limited.

- **Panorama (n)** (ایک جہان جہانہ، منظر، تصویر کشی) A complete view of a wide stretch of land. Any general representation in words or pictures

Synonyms: Scene, Horizon, Dimension, Perspective, Purview, Vista
The spot is situated nearly 2500 metres above sea level and gives a spectacular panoramic view of the mountain range.

- **Pantheon (n)** (مہبت گاہ، مزار) Place of worship

Synonyms: Mosque, Church, Pagoda, Sanctuary, Shrine, Synagogue
Antonyms: Market, Road
The Jonas brothers are buried in a pantheon.

- **Papyrus (n)** (ایک کانہ جو آبی نرل سے بنایا جاتا ہے) Ancient paper made from stems of the papyrus plant

Hieroglyphs were a system of writing developed in Egypt for carving into stone or writing on papyrus.

- **Parable (n)** (تشیبی کہانی) A short, simple story teaching a moral lesson

Synonyms: Allegory, Apologue, Emblem, Fable, Figuration
Antonyms: Truth
The film has a beautiful innocence about it, hardly seen in today's cinema as it is based on a simple parable about a four-year old caught between quarrelling parents.

- **Paradigm (n)** (نمونہ، مثال) 1. A very clear or typical example of something 2. A model or set of ideas fixed in one's mind

Synonyms: Example, Archetype, Beau Ideal, Ideal, Model, Original, Pattern
Antonyms: Fancy, Guess, Possibility
He might proclaim himself to be the paradigm of morality, but I know for a fact that he is as corrupt as one can be.

- **Paradox (n)** (الٹی بات، ابھیرا عقل) A statement with opposing ideas, thus seeming impossible

Synonyms: Ambiguous, Contradiction, Puzzle, Absurdity, Anomaly, Mystery
Antonyms: Felicity, Peace, Tranquillity
It is a paradox that farms in the western region get so less rain yet give the maximum yield of rice.

- **Paragon (n)** (نمونہ یا قالب) A model of excellence and perfection

Synonyms: Model, Ideal, Epitome, Archetype, Idyllic, Idol
Antonyms: Insignificant, Mortal, Unimportant
Even though he makes so many blunders in every work he does, he believes that he is a paragon in handling a work.

- **Paramount (adj)** (متم ترین) Most important

Synonyms: Principal, Superior, Ascendant, Dominant, Eminent, Prime, Sovereign
Antonyms: Trivial, Inferior, Minor, Smallest
The public relations department of a company has many responsibilities, but dealing with the press is of paramount importance.

- **Paranoia (n)** (ظن دہانی، مانجھی) A state of the mind in which the sufferer believes that he/she is being purposely mistreated, or is a person of great power and influence

Synonyms: Craziness, Delusions, Insanity, Lunacy, Maladjustment, Mania
Antonyms: Sanity, Judgement, Wisdom
After a failed attempt to kidnap him, he started feeling paranoid and refused to move out of his house.

- **Paraphernalia (n)** (بال اسباب) Equipment, Miscellaneous small objects

Synonyms: Belongings, Accoutrements, Apparatus, Appurtenances, Impedimenta
The telephone mechanic came to his house equipped with a new telephone set and all other paraphernalia required to install the phone.

- **Paraphrase (n & v)** (تشریح کرنا، تفسیر کرنا) Restatement in different (usu. easier) words of something that has been said or written

Synonyms: Interpretation, Digest, Explanation, Rephrasing, Summary, Version
Antonyms: Quotation
The lawyer did not say anything new; he merely paraphrased the words spoken by the witness in a way that added a new dimension to the case.

- **Parch (v)** (کری یا شدید سردی سے سکننا) To become dried and wrinkled because of heat

Synonyms: Dry, Tumble, Scorch, Dehydrate, Desiccate
Antonyms: Wet, Drenched
Due to the lack of rains, the farms were parched and became useless for farming.

- **Pare (v)** (اٹا، کترنا) Cut away the outer covering or the skin

Synonyms: Peel, Trim, Carve, Flay, Prune, Uncover
Antonyms: Cover
He pared off the apple skin before serving it to me.

- **Paregoric (n & adj.)** (ایک مسکن دوا جو درد سے آرام دلاتی ہے) A kind of soothing and comforting medicine

His father's kind words came as a paregoric to his distressed soul, after he had been cheated by someone he considered to be his best friend.

- **Pariah (n)** (ذات برادری یا معاشرے سے نکالا گیا شخص، اچھوت) A social outcast, A person not accepted by the society

Synonyms: Ostracised, Émigré, Ascetic, Recluse, Outcast
Antonyms: Favourite, Preferred
Ever since it was discovered that he has been beating his wife, he has been treated as a pariah in the community, with no one willing to speak to him.

- **Parity (n)** (سارابت) Equality

Synonyms: Affinity, Analogy, Congruity, Likeness, Resemblance
Antonyms: Dissimilitude, Imbalance, Inequality

- The United Nations is passing an amendment to ensure that developing countries are given social parity with developed countries.
- **Parlance** (n) (معارف، روز مرہ، اسلوب گفتگو) A particular manner of speech or use of words
Synonyms: Dialect, Argot, Idiosyncrasy, Jargon, Vernacular
Antonyms: Standard
 Not familiar with technical parlance, he could not make head or tail of what the computer programmers were talking about.
 - **Parley** (n & v) (مباحثہ، گفتگو کرنا) To hold talks, esp. at a diplomatic level, usu. between warring nations to make peace
Synonyms: Negotiation, Confab, Huddle, Palaver, Dialogue
Antonyms: Quietude, Silence
 The third round of diplomatic parleys between the foreign ministers of the two countries is currently in process, but there seems to be no meltdown in the tough stance taken by both the sides.
 - **Parlous** (Adj.) (خوفناک) In a bad, dangerous, or uncertain condition
Synonyms: Perilous, Adventurous, Formidable, Impending, Jeopardous, Serpentine, Vulnerable
Antonyms: Guarded, Safe, Secure
 My finances have been in a parlous condition for the last few months now, and however much I may want to, I just can't think of buying a car right now.
 - **Parochial** (Adj.) (علاقائی، مقامی) Confined to narrow range, Interested in, or dealing only with things directly connected to oneself
Synonyms: Provincial, Local, Regional, Outmoded
Antonyms: Extensive, Widespread
 Since it was a local newspaper, its content and analysis was expectedly rather parochial, being restricted to events and happenings in the nearby areas only.
 - **Parody** (n & v) (تضمین، مزاحیہ نقل) Humorous imitation, Spoof
Synonyms: Travesty, Imitation, Spoof, Mockery, Pastiche, Satire
Antonyms: Reality, Truth
 It seems as if the film makers lost interest during the making of the film, and so the film appears to be a parody of what it was meant to be.
 - **Paroxysm** (n) (دورہ، مرض کا شدید حملہ) A sudden and violent outburst or fit
Synonyms: Spasm, Convulsion, Outburst, Outbreak, Flare-up
Antonyms: Calmness, Peace
 As soon as she was declared the winner of the debate contest, she went into paroxysms of delight and absolute joy.
 - **Parry** (v & n) (دار بچانے کی ایک دفاعی حرکت) To turn aside or keep away a blow, Deflect
Synonyms: Circumvent, Anticipate, En garde, Preclude, Repel, Shun
Antonyms: Face, Meet, Discuss
 In the boxing competition, he managed to parry a few blows of the world champion but could not sustain the series of blows for long.

- Being excessively cautious (کفایت شعار، کجگوشی) **Parsimonious** (Adj.)
- **Parsimonious** (Adj.) money, Stingy
Synonyms: Miser, Niggard, Prudent, Skimping, Thrifty
Antonyms: Extravagant, Spendthrift
 He has become rather parsimonious since he got married, earlier he used to be quite large hearted but now he thinks twice before reaching for his wallet.
 - **Partial** (Adj.) (جانبدار) 1. Incomplete 2. Showing favour to one side in an unfair way 3. Having a liking for something
Synonyms: 1. Incomplete, Fractional, Sectional 2. Biased, interested, unfair
Antonyms: 1. Complete, Entire, Total, Whole 2. Fair, Just, Unbiased
 1. Despite there being extra workers, the work could only be partially completed because of frequent power cuts
 2. Usman gets good marks in the class tests as the class teacher is partial to him.
 - **Partisan** (Adj.) (اہل فرقہ، شریک) Showing strong support for one party, person, plan etc. and dislike for any others
Synonyms: Prejudiced, Follower, Devotee, Adherent, Supporter
Antonyms: Critic, Enemy, Opponent
 Umpires in a cricket match are often accused of being partisan towards the home side.
 - **Partition** (v & n) (تقسیم، بٹوارہ) Divide into parts
Synonyms: Allotment, Barrier, Distribution, Rupture, Segregation, Severance
Antonyms: Attachment, Juncture, Union
 If the communal wars and tension escalate, the country will no longer remain in one piece and might have to be partitioned.
 - **Parvenu** (n) (نو دولتیا) A person who has risen above his social class by acquiring new found wealth, An upstart
Synonyms: Nouveau Riche, Upstart
Antonyms: Elite, High-ups
 For the second consecutive year, the World Billiards Championship has been won by a parvenu outsider.
 - **Passive** (Adj.) (غیر متحرک، بھول) Not active, Dull, Suffering without opposition
Synonyms: Acquiescent, Apathetic, Docile, Indifferent, Inert, Resigned
Antonyms: Active, Dynamic, Lively
 The landlord dominates him because he is too passive and does not retaliate to the landlord's threats.
 - **Pastoral** (Adj.) (دیہاتی، دیہی) Of country life (used usually to highlight the charming and innocent aspects of rural life)
Synonyms: Bucolic, Agrarian, Countrified, Idyllic, Rustic
Antonyms: Agitated, Bustling, Busy, Urban
 The resort was situated in an enchantingly pastoral setting – I could see little children playing by the pool and shepherds overlooking their grazing sheep from my room.

- **Patent (Adj.)** (سند حق ایجاد) 1. Easy to see, Obvious 2. Protected from being copied or sold by those who do not have a right to do so
Synonyms: Apparent, Blatant, Flagrant, Obvious, Palpable, Unequivocal
Antonyms: Concealed, Hidden, Inconspicuous
 1. His statement was a patent lie and the judge could see through it.
 2. The scientist applied for a patent on his new invention to protect it from being copied by anti-social elements.
- **Pathetic (Adj.)** (دل سوز، درد انگیز) 1. Causing sadness or pity, 2. Useless, Absolutely unsuccessful
Synonyms: Deplorable, Inadequate, Lamentable, Paltry, Rueful
Antonyms: Cheerful, Happy, Useful, Worthwhile
 The sight of the villagers after the long drought was pathetic, most people looking famished and sick.
- **Pathos (n)** (درد، جوش، دل سوزی) Tender sorrow, Pity. The quality in art or literature that produces these feelings
Synonyms: Sorrow, Sadness, Pity, Bathos, Suffering, Tragedy, Grief
Antonyms: Enthusiasm, Pleasure
 The master storyteller had crafted a beautiful tale of the sufferings of a man stricken in love, the pathos of the young man had been brought out by a wonderful play of words that tugged at your feelings.
- **Patina (n)** (کسی دھات کی سطح پر بنی سبز، سیاہ یا براؤن تہ) Green crust on old bronze work. Hence, any smooth and thin layer that forms a covering
 Even though the exam hall was air conditioned, a patina of sweat was clearly visible on the foreheads of many candidates who were struggling with the tough question paper.
- **Patriarch (n)** (پڑا بڑھاد، رئیس قبیلہ) An old and much respected man, Ruler of a family or tribe
 In many parts of the country, after the death of a man, his eldest son becomes the patriarch, all the members of the family are supposed to respect him and accept his decisions.
- **Patrician (n & adj.)** (رئیس، امیر، شریف) A nobleman, Aristocratic person
Synonyms: Ancestor, Author, Founder, Gaffer, Generator, Inventor, Paterfamilias
Antonyms: Matriarch, Descendent
 He was born into a patrician family, kept in a protected environment, and received education by a private tutor.
- **Patronise (v)** (سرپرستی کرنا) 1. Support, Extend favour to 2. Act superior towards someone
Synonyms: Assist, Befriend, Foster, Promote, Sponsor, Encourage
Antonyms: Antagonise, Contend, Oppose
 Though there are a number of hotels to choose from in this area, I have always patronised the Avari.
- **Paucity (n)** (کمی، قلت) Shortage, Scarcity
Synonyms: Dearth, Scarcity, Scantiness, Drought, Insufficiency, Shortage
Antonyms: Plethora, Abundance, Profusion

- Because of the severe paucity of foreign exchange in the country, the finance minister has decided to devalue the currency by nearly 25%.
- **Pauper (n)** (فقی، غریب، مفلس) Very poor person
Synonyms: Penurious, Destitute, Indigent, Insolvent, Mendicant, Suppliant
Antonyms: Opulent, Rich, Wealthy
 Despite the unexpected income, he is still a pauper when compared to his rich friends.
- **Peaked (Adj.)** (کمزور، لاغر، مریض) Looking sick or pale
Synonyms: Ailing, Bilitious, Emaciated, Wan
Antonyms: Blushing, Colourful, Flushed, Healthy
 She often looks fresh and lively even after the long day's hard work, but today she is looking a bit peaked.
- **Peccadillo (n)** (گناہ، غلطی، معمولی جرم) Slight, unimportant fault, Minor mistake
Synonyms: Faux Pas, Impropriety, Peccadillo, Misdemeanour, Vice
Antonyms: Flawlessness, Perfection, Purity
 He blamed his wife for their son going astray, saying that she had always overlooked his peccadilloes when he was a child, never bothering to correct him.
- **Pectoral (Adj.)** (چھاتی یا سینے کے ہاتھ میں) Of, in or on the chest
 Years of hard work in the mines have developed his pectoral muscles so much that they are now visible even over his clothes.
- **Peculate (v)** (قتلہ کر لینا) Take for one's own use, often fraudulently
Synonyms: Embezzle, Defalcate, Forge, Misappropriate, Skim, Thieve
Antonyms: Compensate, Reimburse, Return
 He has lodged a criminal complaint with the police against Faizan, alleging that he has fraudulently peculated his apartment without even informing him.
- **Pecuniary (Adj.)** (دوپے پیسے سے متعلق) Pertaining to money
Synonyms: Banking, Business, Economic, Fiscal, Monetary
Antonyms: Non-commercial
 Even though the pecuniary benefits were not very high in the job, he derived a lot of satisfaction from the work and saw no reason to leave it.
- **Pedagogue (n)** (مدرس، استاد) A teacher who is too formal and uninteresting
Synonyms: Pedant, Punctilious, Assiduous, Instructor, Schoolmaster
Antonyms: Students, Tutees
 The new teacher is too much of a pedagogue – paying too much importance on the outdated approach of learning by rote.
- **Pedant (n)** (وہ شخص جو قواعد و ضوابط اور تفصیلات پر تاردا زور دیتا ہے) 1. Scholar who overemphasises book learning or technicalities, 2. Any person who gives too much importance to minute details and unimportant rules
Synonyms: Doctrinaire, Obfuscator, Nit-Picker, Scholar, Punctilious
Antonyms: Students, Tutees
 The students despised his pedantic ways of teaching, and so were pleasantly surprised when he once decided to take them for a biological excursion to the nearby forest.

- in any special qualities
Synonyms: Banal, Dreary, Jejune, Mediocre, Mundane, Ordinary, Prosaic,
Antonyms: Different, Exceptional, Extraordinary, Interesting
 The album is so long and pedestrian that it can never become a hit like his previous titles.
- **Pedigree (n)** (سبب و نسب) The set of people or animals from which a person or animal is descended
Synonyms: Ancestry, Lineage, Origin, Parentage, Family, Descent
 Despite his impressive pedigree, he has a very unimpressive personality - it is hard to believe that he has such royal ancestors behind him.
 - **Peerless (Adj.)** (بے مثل، لائق) Having no equal, Incomparable
Synonyms: Champion, Faultless, Matchless, Perfect, Supreme, Unique
Antonyms: Inferior, Mediocre, Secondary, Subordinate
 Her peerless beauty is universally acclaimed and is evident from the numerous beauty titles she has won.
 - **Pejorative (Adj.)** (تجزیہ، ہتک آمیز) Expressing disapproval, Suggesting that something or someone is of little value or importance
Synonyms: Derogatory, Depreciatory, Fault-finding
Antonyms: Praising, Gracious, Complimentary
 For some people patriotic songs have become pejorative nowadays, but there are certain people who still hold the opinion that these songs are most valuable and have great importance.
 - **Pellucid (Adj.)** (واضح، شفاف، خالص) Transparent, Very clear, Easy to understand
Synonyms: Limpid, Comprehensible, Explicit, Luminous, Translucent
Antonyms: Opaque, Obscure
 The water in the nearby river has now become polluted and muddy, but there was a time when it was quite pellucid.
 - **Pelt (v)** (پھینکا، پھینکانا) To attack by throwing stones etc. quickly and repeatedly. Also, to run very fast
Synonyms: Assail, Bombard, Hammer, Lapidate, Stone, Strike, Wallop
Antonyms: Guard, Help, Protect
 The police had to take evasive action when the crowd turned violent and began pelting stones at them.
 - **Penchant (n)** (زبردست رجحان) Strong inclination, Liking
Synonyms: Affection, Disposition, Partiality, Tendency, Tilt, Yen
Antonyms: Dislike, Hate, Hatred, Indifference
 His penchant for gambling is a cause of worry for his father as they have already lost a lot of money.
 - **Pendant (n)** (ہنر، آویزاں، جھکا) Hanging ornament attached to necklace
Synonyms: Dangling, Pendant, Suspended, Swinging, Unsettled
Antonyms: Ear ring, Nose pin
 He wore a golden necklace with a diamond pendant hanging at the centre.
 - **Pendent (Adj.)** (آویزاں، لٹکاوا) Hanging down suspended
Synonyms: Drooping, Hanging, Pendulous, Suspended
Antonyms: Upright, Vertical

- The monkeys were busy frittering around the tree even pendent upside down with its tail.
Penitent (Adj.) (نادم، شرمندہ) Extremely sorry and repentant
Synonyms: Contrite, Remorseful, Repenting, Apologetic, Regretful
Antonyms: Unrepentant, Impenitent, Shameless
 He looked genuinely penitent at having broken the windshield of my car, so I decided to excuse him.
- **Penitentiary (n)** (اصلاحی قید خانہ) A prison, esp. a state or federal one
Synonyms: Brig, Dungeon, Lockup, Prison, Reformatory
 The federal penitentiary is situated around 30 miles from the town in a secluded spot, and is heavily guarded 24 hours a day.
 - **Pensive (Adj.)** (شگرم، غمگین) Deeply thoughtful and sober, Serious
Synonyms: Absorbed, Cogitative, Contemplative, Preoccupied, Wistful
Antonyms: Ignorant, Shallow
 The visitor stopped laughing as soon as he realised that the mood in the house was pensive and a serious discussion was going on.
 - **Penurious (Adj.)** (فقر، تنگدستی) Very poor
Synonyms: Pauper, Mendicant, Impoverished, Impecunious, Destitute
Antonyms: Opulent, Lavish, Prosperous
 His inveterate habit of gambling has reduced him to the penurious state he finds himself in.
 - **Per se (Adv)** (اپنے آپ، بے تعلق) Considered alone, Taken individually
Synonyms: Alone, Independently, Intrinsically, Singularly, Solely, Virtually
Antonyms: Whole, Collectively
 I bear no grudge against the principal per se, but the rules of the school are just not conducive to the creation of a good learning environment.
 - **Perceptible (Adj.)** (قابل فہم و درک) That which can be noticed or perceived
Synonyms: Noticeable, Conspicuous, Palpable, Evident, Obvious
Antonyms: Doubtful, Obscure
 Though the increase in pain was hardly perceptible initially, it increased later in the day and hurt me a lot.
 - **Perceptive (Adj.)** (فہم و بصیرت، فہم و درک والا) Showing an unusually good ability to notice and understand
Synonyms: Insightful, Sensitive, Observant, Aware, Discerning
Antonyms: Ignorant, Indifferent
 She is so perceptive that even while looking at your face, she can understand the slightest deviation in your thought as soon as it comes into your mind.
 - **Percolate (v)** (چھاننا یا سقور کرنا) To pass slowly through a material that has small holes in it
Synonyms: Drip, Filter, Ooze, Trickle, Leach
 The syrup is percolated through the wire mesh filter to remove foreign particles.
 - **Perdition (n)** (برہادی، انتہائی تباہی) Utter loss and destruction, total ruin
Synonyms: Damnation, Hell, Infernal Region, Inferno
Antonyms: El Dorado

The devastating earthquake has brought utter perdition to the people living in the Kashmir.

- **Peregrination** (n) (سیر و سیاحت، سفر) A long and wandering journey, esp. in foreign lands
Synonyms: Traversing, Expedition, Hiking, Roaming, Roving, Trip
Antonyms: Lethargy, Lassitude, Sluggishness
 His peregrinations lasted for about eight years during which he visited as many as seventy different countries, but now he is back in New Jersey and has decided on leading a settled life.
- **Peremptory** (Adj.) (قلمی، قاطع) Not open to debate, That which must be obeyed at once
Synonyms: Decisive, Absolute, Dictatorial, Imperious
Antonyms: Indulgent, Lenient, Moderate
 The young army lieutenant knew very well that the instructions of the general were peremptory, and he decided to go against them.
- **Perennial** (Adj.) (دیرپا، دائمی) Lasting long or forever, Flowing through all seasons
Synonyms: Enduring, Perpetual, Ceaseless, Everlasting, Immortal, Recurrent
Antonyms: Temporary, Changing, Intermittent, Interrupted
 We thought that the power cuts were temporary and would end but we have now realised that this is a perennial problem and will never end.
- **Perfidious** (Adj.) (بی وفاء، نیک حرام) Disloyal
Synonyms: Treacherous, Betraying, Insidious, Traitorous
Antonyms: Faithful, Loyal
 The judge described his actions as perfidious to the interests of the country and ordered the police to seize his passport so that he could not travel out of the country.
- **Perforate** (v) (کسی چیز میں سے سوراخ کرنا) Pierce, Put a hole through
Synonyms: Penetrate, Permeate, Pierce, Burst, Prick, Thump
Antonyms: Close up
 The original wooden cabinet had no holes in it so we had to perforate it at the corners to let the cables pass through it.
- **Perforce** (Adv) (بجور، جبراً) Because it is necessary
Synonyms: Necessarily, Inevitably, Certainly, Consequently, Naturally
Antonyms: Unnecessarily, Gratuitously
 They had to perforce take a longer route as the shorter one was closed because of some construction work taking place on it.
- **Perfunctory** (Adj.) (سرسری، برائے نام) Done without thought, interest or concern, Superficial
Synonyms: Careless, Cursory, Heedless, Lackadaisical, Offhand
Antonyms: Careful, Circumspectly, Thoughtful, Deliberated
 He confessed that he had only had a perfunctory look at my report and requested me to let him keep it for some more time.
- **Perilous** (Adj.) (خطرناک، گھمبیر) Very dangerous, Risky
Synonyms: Dangerous, Delicate, Insecure, Precarious, Unsafe, Vulnerable

The father was worried because it was not easy for his young son of fourteen to make such a perilous journey across the mountains, he knew that there was some danger or the other at every step.

- **Peripatetic** (Adj.) (ادھر ادھر چلنے پھرنے والا) Travelling from place to place
Synonyms: Itinerant, Nomadic, Drifting, Roving, Roaming
Antonyms: Staying, Holding Back
 He leads a peripatetic existence in his job of a management consultant, having to travel all over the world on different projects all round the year.
- **Peripheral** (Adj.) (اوپر یا نیچے) Not central, Marginal, Relatively unimportant
Synonyms: Tangential, Insignificant, Trivial, Secondary, Minor
Antonyms: Central, Important
 The problem of power cut was so important that we decided not to bother about the other peripheral issues.
- **Periphery** (n) (گھیراؤ، دائرہ) Edge, Especially of a round surface
Synonyms: Edge
Antonyms: Centre
 A factory is usually set up at the periphery of a plot rather than in the middle as this allows easier access from outside.
- **Perjury** (n) (دروغ، جھوٹ) Telling a lie while under oath, Swearing to a statement known to be false
Synonyms: Deceitfulness, Falsehood, Untruth, Untruthfulness
Antonyms: Truth, Genuineness
 The court found him guilty of perjury when he could not substantiate his statement made earlier in the witness box.
- **Permeable** (Adj.) (سیرت پذیر، قابل نفوذ) Allowing liquids or gases to pass through
Synonyms: Penetrable, Porous, Absorbent, Passable, Spongy
Antonyms: Impenetrable, Hermetic
 Gas permeable contact lenses are better for the eyes as they allow necessary moisture to pass through them and reach the eyes.
- **Permissive** (Adj.) (چھوٹ دینے والا، اجازت دینے والا) Allowing a great deal of freedom, or too much freedom
Synonyms: Lenient, Acquiescent, Forbearing, Indulgent, Lax, Permitting
Antonyms: Intolerant, Mean, Strict
 The new age companies are very permissive where employees are allowed to work whenever they feel like.
- **Pernicious** (Adj.) (مضر، ناسد، ضرر رساں) Destructive, very injurious, extremely harmful
Synonyms: Damaging, Deleterious, Devastating, Evil, Iniquitous, Poisonous
Antonyms: Benign, Innocuous, Lovable, Loving
 Though horror movies are gaining much importance nowadays and the young generation is liking it too, the same can have a pernicious effect on children.

- **Perpetrate (v)** (ارتکاب کرنا، مجرم ہونا) To do something wrong or criminal, To be guilty of something, Commit an offense
Synonyms: Commit, Enact, Execute, Perform, Effect
Antonyms: Avoid
 The bank manager has been accused of perpetrating a financial fraud to the tune of nearly \$100,000 dollars, and might face a trial very soon.
- **Perpetual (Adj.)** (مستل، دائمی، ابدی) Lasting forever, Anything that continues endlessly
Synonyms: Infinite, Eternal, Ad infinitum
Antonyms: Finite
 Though many dot-com companies claim that the current shortage of funds is a temporary phenomenon and will end soon, most analysts feel that this problem is perpetual.
- **Perplex (v)** (جھپڑ کرنا، ذہنی طور پر الجھنا) To confuse or trouble someone by being difficult to understand
Synonyms: Bewilder, Complicate, Dumbfound, Jumble, Puzzle, Stumble, Thwart
Antonyms: Clarify, Clear Up, Enlighten, Explain
 The AIDS virus has continued to perplex top scientists who have been unable to understand the virus properly or find a cure.
- **Perquisite (n)** (بالائی یافت، ادائیگی کی آمدنی) Any gain above the stipulated salary
Synonyms: Bonus, Reward, Perk
Antonyms: Option, Choice
 The perquisites offered to him by the company as part of his remuneration package include a luxury car, a fully furnished apartment, and a personal bodyguard.
- **Persiflage (n)** (مزاحیہ گفتگو) Light, amusing conversation, usu. concerned with other people
Synonyms: Chitchat, Badinage, Repartee
Antonyms: Scuffle, Fracas
 The three retired friends met each morning in the park and amused themselves by indulging in persiflage and by narrating jokes to each other.
- **Personable (Adj.)** (خوبصورت، دلکش) Attractive, Handsome
Synonyms: Bewitching, Gorgeous, Mesmerising, Pleasant, Affable
Antonyms: Displeasing, Distasteful, Offensive
 Being a personable young man, he has always been a point of attraction for young ladies, who like to be in his company.
- **Personage (n)** (معزز آدمی، اعلیٰ شخصیت) A famous or important person
Synonyms: Celebrity, Notable, Bigwig, Cynosure, Dignitary, Worthly
Antonyms: Lowlife, Unworthy, Destitute, Impoverished
 His reception was attended by some of the most prominent personages of the town, including the mayor and the town judge.
- **Perspicacious (Adj.)** (صاحبِ ادراک، زیرک) Having a great ability to judge and understand things
Synonyms: Insightful, Wise, Astute, Sagacious, Discerning, Perceptive
Antonyms: Obtuse, Insensitive, Dull-Witted

- My perspicacious grandfather had invested in this land near thirty years ago when its value was hardly anything, today the value has multiplied manifold and is paying rich dividends to us
- **Perspicuous (Adj.)** (ظاهر، صاف، کھلا ہوا) Clearly expressed, Expressing things clearly
Synonyms: Comprehensible, Explicit, Lucid, Luminous, Unambiguous
Antonyms: Obscure, Murky, Vague
 The perspicuous presentation by the young scientist has clarified all my doubts about what cloning of humans is all about.
 - **Pert (Adj.)** (بہان دراز، منہ پٹ) 1. Disrespectful in an amusing way 2. Neat and stylish
Synonyms: Impudent, Flippant, Sprightly, Vivacious, Wise
Antonyms: Dull, Humble, Lifeless
 She has grown up into a pert young lady, wooed by a number of young men in her college.
 - **Pertinacious (Adj.)** (ہٹ دھرم، سرکشی) Holding to an opinion in a very determined way, Stubborn, Persistent
Synonyms: Obstinate, Recalcitrant, Opinionated, Pig-headed
Antonyms: Yielding, Docile
 She was being unreasonably pertinacious about going to that particular hair dresser, I could see no reason for her insistence in doing so when there were so many others located closer to us.
 - **Pertinent (Adj.)** (موزوں، برجستہ) Suitable, Connected directly with something, Relevant
Synonyms: Apposite, Germane, Apropos
Antonyms: Irrelevant
 The arguments he put forward in favour of the topic given to the group during the group-discussion were not at all pertinent to the topic, he was regarded as a dull and careless candidate.
 - **Perturb (v)** (بے چین یا بے قرار کرنا) Disturb greatly, Throw into confusion
Synonyms: Agitate, Bewilder, Dismay, Flurry, Irritate, Rile
Antonyms: Calm, Please, Soothe
 The news that he had failed in the test again perturbed him greatly and he was unable to work the whole day.
 - **Peruse (v)** (توجہ سے پڑھنا) Read thoroughly or carefully
Synonyms: Analyse, Inspect, Scrutinise, Skim, Study
Antonyms: Neglect, Overlook
 The doctor took nearly fifteen minutes in carefully perusing my medical reports before writing something on his prescription.
 - **Pervasive (Adj.)** (اثر پھیلنے والا) Widespread, Spread throughout every part
Synonyms: Extensive, Common, Omnipresent, Rife, Ubiquitous, Universal
Antonyms: Light, Limited, Narrow
 The latest financial scandal in the country has shown that corruption is among the most pervasive phenomena of our times -- no one can be expected to be untouched by it.

- **Perverse (Adj.)** (گمراہ، بچ) Purposely behaving in a manner that is incorrect, unreasonable, or unacceptable. Also, annoying and awkward
Synonyms: Abnormal, Cantankerous, Capricious, Fractious, Miscreant
Antonyms: Agreeable, Compliant, Reasonable
 He got a perverse delight when he heard that his old rival at school was now having a tough time finding a job.
- **Pesky (Adj.)** (آزردہ کرنے والا) Troublesome, Causing annoyance
Synonyms: Irsome, Bothersome, Annoying, Peeving, Vexatious, Wicked
Antonyms: Pleasing, Soothing
 The pesky little child is such a menace that none of the governesses employed by his parents has stayed interview he job for long.
- **Pessimism (n)** (پسیمی، قنوتیت) Tendency to believe that things will not work out, or to expect the worst possible result, Think negatively
Synonyms: Gloominess, Sarcasm, Cynicism, Dejection
Antonyms: Optimism, Hopefulness
 Even though he did his exams very well, he is so pessimistic that he does not expect that he will pass.
- **Pestilence (n)** (طاعون، وبا، مرضِ ستھدی) Deadly epidemic disease
Synonyms: Plague, Pandemic, Scourge, Spread, Upsurge, Wave
Antonyms: Blessing, Health, Prosperity
 All the doctors of the city are stunned by this raging pestilence that has struck the city hospitals, in which around fifty infants have died within six hours of being born.
- **Petite (Adj.)** (چھوٹی اور پش) Small and attractive (used for a woman or girl)
Synonyms: Baby, Dainty, Elfin, Tiny, Wee
Antonyms: Large, Huge, Tall
 Unlike her other unattractive and tall friends, her latest friend was petite and charming.
- **Petrify (v)** (سنگدل یا خمدی بنادینا) To put (someone) in a state of shock or fear rendering him/her unable to move
Synonyms: Calcify, Fossilise, Harden, Solidify
Antonyms: Melt, Soften
 The audience stood petrified when they realised that the elephant coming towards them was not in control.
- **Pettifogging (Adj.)** (چھوٹی چھوٹی باتوں پر جھگڑا یا استدلال کرنے والا) Worrying about small and unimportant issues
Synonyms: Quibble, Altercate, Chicane, Equivocate, Prevaricate, Waffle
Antonyms: Agree, Approve, Concur
 I am stuck with an amazingly pettifogging boss, she constantly worries about unnecessary details and asks me hundreds of irrelevant questions.
- **Petty (Adj.)** (معمولی، قلیل) Of little importance, Very small, Also, small-minded (of a person)
Synonyms: Minor, Trivial, Negligible, Insignificant, Trifling
Antonyms: Grave, Serious

- Most unsuccessful marriages are a result of petty and insignificant issues which crop up in our daily life rather than big problems.
- **Petulant (Adj.)** (بدخو، بھلی) Showing ill-temper over unimportant things, Childishly fussy
Synonyms: Peevish, Testy, Huffy, Grouchy, Irritable
Antonyms: Happy, Pleasant
 We were surprised by his petulant refusal to accompany us to the beach, on previous occasions, he had always been too eager to go.
- **Phantasmagoria (n)** (نریم ہائے نظر) A confused, dreamlike changing scene of different things, real or imagined
Synonyms: Hallucination, Fantasy, Illusion, Mirage, Phantom, Wraith
Antonyms: Fact, Reality, Truth
 The movie has been directed by the renowned painter, and instead of being a piece of artistic excellence as it was meant to be, it has turned out to be a confusing phantasmagoria of poorly linked colourful scenes.
- **Phenomena (n)** (مظاہر) Observable facts, events or behaviour
Synonyms: Experience, Happening, Incident, Occurrence, Trend, Incident
Antonyms: Normality, Regularity
 Psychologists say that discrimination against the girl child in some developing countries is not a recent phenomenon but that it has been going on for many generations now.
- **Phenomenal (Adj.)** (شامدار، غیر معمولی) Very unusual, Extraordinary
Synonyms: Extraordinary, incomparable, Unique
Antonyms: Banal, Commonplace, Usual
 The rise of the software industry has been phenomenal. No industry has grown like this in such a short span.
- **Philanderer (n)** (دکھانے کی عبت کرنے والا شخص) A man who flirts with women without any serious intentions, A playboy
Synonyms: Lecher, Adulterer, Cruiser, Gallant, Lover, Operator, Swinger
Antonyms: Misogynist
 His reputation as a philanderer is badly obstructing his search for a wife, no woman is willing to believe that he can be serious about one woman.
- **Philanthropist (n)** (انسان دوست) Lover of mankind, Doer of good
Synonyms: Altruist, Benefactor, Contributor, Helper, Patron
Antonyms: Egoist, Stingy
 Because of his philanthropic nature, he has devoted most of his lifetime to the service of mankind, and even now that he is on his death-bed, he wants to do something for mankind.
- **Philistine (n)** (ایک تنگ نظر شخص) Narrow-minded person, Uncultured and exclusively interested in material gain
Synonyms: Coarse, Barbarian, Bawdy, Brutish, Crass, Earthy, Filthy
Antonyms: Aesthete, Educated, Humane, Kind
 I had always thought of them as a bunch of narrow-minded philistines, so I was pleasantly surprised to find them avidly engrossed in the serious and meaningful documentary.

- **Phlegmatic (Adj.)** (بے حس، شین) Calm and unexcited, Not showing much reaction
Synonyms: Apathetic, Indifferent, Lethargic, Unresponsive, Blasé, Uninterested
Antonyms: Effusive, Vociferous, Raucous
 One of the hallmarks of a good batsman in cricket is a calm and phlegmatic temperament which would help him to concentrate amidst numerous distractions.
- **Phobia (n)** (خفا، بے ارادہ خوف) A strong and unnatural fear
Synonyms: Anxiety, Detestation, Hatred, Loathing, Obsession
Antonyms: Liking, Love
 Studies have shown that most children with working parents usually have a phobia about staying alone at nights.
- **Phoenix (n)** (فتن، ایک لڑی پھو) Symbol of immortality or rebirth. A mythological bird, that after living five or six centuries in Arabian desert burnt itself and rose from the ashes.
 After being out of action for nearly six years, the once popular actor has again risen like the phoenix and established himself at the top of the charts.
- **Physiological (Adj.)** (مشرقی، فطریاتی) Pertaining to the science of the function of living organisms
Synonyms: Bodily
 The reasons for such disabilities are purely physiological, it has got nothing to do with either genetics or psychology.
- **Picayune (Adj.)** (کوئی درجہ) Of little value or importance
Synonyms: Worthless, Petty, Insignificant, Frivolous, Piddling, Trivial
Antonyms: Considerable, Important, Significant
 In comparison to the massive losses suffered by him on the stock market, my loss because of the slight fall in dividends seems pretty picayune—I should thank my stars I did not invest in shares.
- **Picket (n & v)** (پکٹ، پک) A person or thing placed at the entrance to stop others from moving in. Hence, that which guards the entrance to a house, office etc.
Synonyms: Guard, Patrol, Scout, Sentinel, Sentry, Ward, Watchperson
 The police formed a picket to prevent the mob from entering the Chief Justice's bungalow.
- **Piecemeal (Adj. & adv)** (تھوڑا تھوڑا ذر ذر) One part at a time, Gradually
Synonyms: Fitfully, Fragmentary, Intermittently, Patchy, Step By Step
Antonyms: Completely, Totally, Wholly
 Instead of moving ahead with the entire project all at once, it is better if we move in a piecemeal fashion, taking up one thing at a time.
- **Piety (n)** (پیت، تقویٰ، بیزگاری) Religious devotion, Godliness, Piousness
Synonyms: Allegiance, Devoutness, Reverence, Sanctity, Veneration
Antonyms: Impiety, Irreverence, Paganism
 Her piety and devotion to the Lord has helped her tide over times of intense crises.

- **Piffle (n)** (بے معنی بکریا) Foolish, nonsensical talk
Synonyms: Balderdash, Foolishness, Gibberish, Palaver, Prattle
Antonyms: Sense, Wisdom
 Instead of talking such piffles, why don't we talk something sensible?
- **Pigment (n)** (رنگ، رنگدہ) Colouring matter
Synonyms: Colorant, Dye stuff, Paint, Stain, Tincture, Tint
Antonyms: Colourlessness
 To get an orange colour, try adding the red pigment to the yellow one.
- **Pilfer (v)** (پہنچ، چھین، چوری کرنا) To steal in small quantities
Synonyms: Filch, Lift, Thieve, Nick, Sneak
Antonyms: Give, Provide
 Though in the beginning he used to pilfer from shops and departmental stores, which went unnoticed, now he has taken to somewhat bigger thefts and robberies.
- **Pillage (v & n)** (لُٹ، لُٹائی) Loot and plunder
Synonyms: Despoil, Ransack, Burglar, Misappropriate, Devotee, Rob
Antonyms: Reimburse, Compensate
 The marauders went on a spree of murder and pillage, spending wither money in the village.
- **Pillory (v)** (پھانسی، پھانسی لگانا) To attack with words, esp. in a way which leads to disrespectful treatment by others
Synonyms: Denounce, Radicate, Spurn, Humiliate, Censure, Disparage
Antonyms: Venerate, Acclaim, Eulogize, Eulid
 Pilloried by the media for coming up with a shoddy film, he is now working hard to make his next film a success both for the critics as well as the audience.
- **Pine (v)** (پینے، پینے) 1. To gradually lose strength and enthusiasm because of grief or illness 2. To have a strong desire for something which is out of reach
Synonyms: 1. Languish, Abate, Degrade, Drop 2. Yearn, Long for, Apend
Antonyms: 1. Improve, Increase, Rise 2. Despire, Dislike, Hate
 1. This man once used to be strong and highly enthusiastic, but he has been gradually pining away after the accident, he is now more of a weakling man.
- **Pinion (v)** (پکڑنا، پکڑنا) To prevent the movement of a person or thing by holding tightly
Synonyms: Trap, Restrain, Immobilize, Enmesh, Ensnare, Ensnare
Antonyms: Free, Allow
 The police pinioned the old man to the wall and searched all his belongings.
- **Pinnacle (n)** (پہاڑ، پہاڑ) The highest point or degree
Synonyms: Apex, Apogee, Climax, Culmination, Zenith
Antonyms: Base, Bottom, Nadir
 Once considered the pinnacle of achievement in athletics, running the mile in under four minutes is now common.

- **Pioneer** (n & v) (پہل کار) First mover, Someone who is the first to do something, thus making it easier for others to follow
Synonyms: Originator, Avant-Garde, Inaugural, Initiator, Primary
Antonyms: Follower, Later
 Though there have been many people who have achieved success in making flying machines, most people consider the Wright brothers as the pioneers in this field.
- **Piquant** (Adj.) (ذائقہ میں خوشگوار طور پر تیز اور چٹ پٹا) 1. Having a pleasant, sharp flavour
Synonyms: Spicy, Flavoursome, Luscious, Peppery, Pungent, Zesty
Antonyms: Bland, Mild
 A piquant situation arose when Salman, who used to bully me when we were together at school, was forced to turn to me for help as I was in a position of authority.
- **Pique** (v) (عصبانیت، حسد) Irritation, Resentment, Hurting one's pride
Synonyms: Annoyance, Conspiration, Grudge, Resentment, Umbrage, Vexation
Antonyms: Cheer, Happiness, Joy
 Piqued by her rude behaviour, he left the room in haste, and promised that he would never come again.
- **Pitfall** (n) (گھمبائی، خطرہ) Unexpected danger or difficulty
Synonyms: Danger, Deadfall, Entanglement, Mousetrap, Peril, Toil, Web
Antonyms: Advantage, Blessing, Good Luck
 Most companies have realised that in any project, despite careful planning, some pitfalls are bound to come up and are unavoidable.
- **Pithy** (Adj.) (بہ مغز، مختصر) Expressed in few carefully chosen words, Concise
Synonyms: Terse, Cogent, Effective, Epigrammatic, Laconic, Succinct
Antonyms: Prolix, Verbose, Wordy
 In his short and pithy speech, lasting just under ten minutes, he managed to effectively drive home to the audience the importance of the research going on in the laboratory.
- **Pittance** (n) (دلتیف، روزیہ) A small amount of money given as allowance or wage
Synonyms: Dribble, Pension, Portion
Antonyms: Generosity, Lot, Plenty
 Despite working so hard, he is only paid a pittance.
- **Pivotal** (Adj.) (محوری، مرکزی) Of prime importance, Crucial, Vital
Synonyms: Cardinal, Critical, Determining, Essential, Momentous, Vital
Antonyms: Inconsequential, Petty, Unsubstantial
 In any project, the role of a team leader is pivotal as he is the one who has to guide his team members and ensure that work is completed.
- **Placate** (v) (تسلیم دینا، تسکین کرنا) To cause to stop feeling angry, Pacify
Synonyms: Appease, Conciliate, Soothe, Pacify
Antonyms: Exasperate, Infuriate
 The landlord was very angry with me for not paying him the rent in time; I somehow managed to placate him saying that I would pay him the rent, with interest, the next month.

- **Placebo** (n) (کوئی چیز جس کا مقصد خوش کرنا یا دلجوئی کرنا ہو) Harmless substance given to soothe or comfort
Synonyms: Inactive Drug, Inactive Medicine, Inactive Substance, Sugar Pill
Antonyms: Disease, Problem
 Seeing that the patient was quite shaken because of the accident, the doctor administered him a placebo in order to soothe his nerves.
- **Placid** (Adj.) (مطمئن، سکون، متحمل) Calm and peaceful, Not easily excited
Synonyms: Contented, Tranquil, Halcyon, Imperturbable, Serene
Antonyms: Irrascible, Agitated, Excited
 The reflection of the hills in the clear and placid water of the pond made a beautiful sight.
- **Plagiarism** (n) (اپنی برکت) Theft of another's ideas or writings passed off as original
Synonyms: Appropriation, Counterfeiting, Cribbing, Infringement, Stealing
Antonyms: Original, Originality
 Though the local music directors have been accused of plagiarism by international music directors, the truth is that music directors, both international as well as local have been inspired by the same folk music, so some similarities are expected.
- **Plaintiff** (n) (مدعی) Person who brings a charge against someone (called the defendant) in a court of law
Synonyms: Complainant, Prosecutor, Petitioner, Applicant
Antonyms: Defendant, Accused
 Seeing that no relevant evidence was forthcoming, the plaintiff had no option but to take back the case.
- **Plaintive** (Adj.) (غم آلود، غم آگے) Sorrowful, Expressing sadness
Synonyms: Melancholic, Pathetic, Woebegone, Bellyaching, Grievous, Wistful
Antonyms: Cheerful, Happy, Jocose, Jovial
 As soon as the news of the death of the premier broke out, the national TV channels started telecasting plaintive instrumental music and religious discourses.
- **Plangent** (Adj.) (غم آلود صمد، نوحہ) Loud and mournful
Synonyms: Resonant, Echoing, Resounding, Crashing, Loud
Antonyms: Faint, Quiet
 The night guard calls out the hour in his plangent voice each night, every hour, with amazing regularity.
- **Plaque** (n) (تختی) A flat plate fixed to a wall etc. on which something is written
Synonyms: Tablet, Plate, Slab, Platter
 In appreciation of his effective leadership, the company management handed him a plaque with words of praise and gratitude inscribed on it when he retired.
- **Platitude** (n) (سنی سنائی بات، فرسودہ بات) Uninteresting or commonplace remark or statement
Synonyms: Bromide, Cliché, Banality, Chestnut, Flatness, Insipidity
Antonyms: Coinage, Nuance

His speech had nothing new; it was full of the usual platitudes about the glorious achievements of our democracy.

- **Platonic (Adj.)** (صرف روحانی محبت یا تعلق) A friendly relationship between a man and a woman, lacking sexual feelings
Synonyms: Spiritual, Nonphysical, Companionable, Nonsexual
Antonyms: Physical, Base
 On being accused of having an affair with his co-star, the actor made it clear that his relationship with his co-star was platonic and nothing more than that.
- **Plaudit (n)** (تاریف، داد، دادواہ) Enthusiastic praise, Applause
Synonyms: Acclamation, Approbation, Compliment, Kudos, Ovation
Antonyms: Criticism, Deprecation
 After being constantly panned by the critics for his cold and slow performances, the actor has received a lot of plaudits for his remarkably warm portrayal of an aging professor.
- **Plausible (Adj.)** (خوش نما) Having a show of truth but open to doubt, Seemingly reasonable
Synonyms: Reasonable, Believable, Conceivable, Logical, Valid
Antonyms: Implausible, Improbable, Unreasonable
 Though the suggestions he has given to the committee sound plausible, we cannot be sure that they are reasonable and will bring good effect.
- **Plebeian (Adj.)** (سوقیانہ، عام) Of the lower social classes, Of the common people
Synonyms: Banal, Coarse, Ignoble, Pedestrian, Proletarian, Vulgar
Antonyms: Aristocratic, Noble, Bourgeoisie, Patrician, Wealthy
 It was extremely impolite of him to describe his opponent as coming from plebeian origins, his remark is bound, to decrease his popularity among the common people.
- **Plenary (Adj.)** (کسی جلسے میں تمام ارکان جماعت کی موجودگی) Complete, Fully-attended (meeting etc.)
Synonyms: Absolute, Complete, General, Inclusive, Sweeping, Thorough
Antonyms: Incomplete, Limited, Part, Partial, Restricted
 The central hall of the Parliament was packed for the plenary session in which the President was scheduled to deliver an important speech.
- **Plenitude (n)** (زیادتی، کثرت، افراط) Abundance, Completeness
Synonyms: Affluence, Bountifulness, Heaps, Plethora
Antonyms: Paucity, Dearth
 There are times when the traders have to bear with the problem of plenitude – when the stocks in hand become too much to adequately handle for the trader.
- **Pleonasm (n)** (تکرار، بھرتی کے الفاظ کا استعمال) Superfluous use of words
Synonyms: Wordiness, Verbosity, Garrulity, Logorhoea, Wordage
Antonyms: Conciseness, Directness, Straightforwardness, Terseness
 The commentator has a good voice, but because of his pleonasm, is not very popular – people like commentators who are pithy and incisive.

- **Plethora (n)** (فرمانی، بہتات) An amount which is more than abundant supply
Synonyms: Abundance, Completeness, Affluence, Bountifulness, Heaps
Antonyms: Paucity, Dearth, Scarcity
 It is sad to note that on one hand there are universities which have no money for even the essential books and on the other hand there are private libraries with plethora of unused books.
- **Pliant (Adj.)** (لچکدار، آسان تر فیصلہ پذیر) Flexible, Willing to change and be changed
Synonyms: Amenable, Docile, Simpleton
Antonyms: Stubborn, Unyielding, Obdurate
 I am quite pliant about my schedule tomorrow -- you can fix up the appointment as per your convenience.
- **Plumage (n)** (پتہ، بال، پر) Feathers of a bird
 The male peacock displayed its colourful plumage with pride.
- **Plumb (v)** (تعمیق سے دیکھنا) To examine very carefully so as to understand fully
Synonyms: Ponder, Inspect, Fathom
Antonyms: Overlook, Ignore
 Scientists are trying to plumb the deep mysteries of the Bermuda Triangle, in the Atlantic Ocean, which is believed to be a place where no one has returned from.
- **Plummet (v)** (گرنے یا سیدھے سے ڈیڑھ کی طرف ڈکنا) Fall sharply or suddenly
Synonyms: Plunge, Collapse, Decline, Precipitate, Tumble
Antonyms: Ascend, Rise, Shoot Up
 The house rentals have plummeted in recent months because there is an excess of houses and very few people to live in them.
- **Pneumatic (Adj.)** (ہوائی، گیس یا دھڑ) Containing, or worked by air
Synonyms: Aerial, Atmospheric, Fluttering, Gaseous, Ventilated, Windy
Antonyms: Solid, Cemented
 Most cars now have pneumatic brakes that operate by air pressure instead of mechanical ones.
- **Podiatrist (n)** (پاؤں کے امراض کا ماہر) Doctor who treats ailments of the feet
 When my foot infection showed no signs of recovery after the treatment, I concluded that a general doctor may not be able to help me and I should visit a podiatrist.
- **Podium (n)** (پڈیول) Pedestal, Raised platform
Synonyms: Dais, Platform, Pulpit, Rostrum, Soapbox, Stage, Stump
Antonyms: Room, Audience
 Even though he was speaking from the podium, nobody from the audience could see him as the light was dim.
- **Pogrom (n)** (ایک منظم قتل عام) An organised killing of large number of people
Synonyms: Annihilation, Massacre, Bloodbath, Carnage, Genocide
Antonyms: Suicide, Die
 Throughout the period 1880-1914 Russia was notorious for its pogroms.

- **Poignant (Adj.)** (دل خراش، بھان انگیز) Deeply moving, Producing a sharp feeling of sadness or pity
Synonyms: Moving, Emotional, Touching, Distressing, Affecting, Heartbreaking
Antonyms: Pleasing, Enthusiastic
 Meeting her quite out of the blue brought back poignant memories of the happy days we had spent together while in college.
- **Polarise (v)** (قطبیت یا تقطیب پیدا کرنا) Split into opposite extremes or camps
 With their divide-and-rule policy, the British managed to effectively polarise the Indian community on lines of religion.
- **Polemic (n)** (مناظرہ، نزاع، جھگڑا) Verbal attack on a belief or opinion, Also, Dispute, art of carrying on arguments.
Synonyms: Diatribe, Argumentative, Controversial, Pugnacious
Antonyms: Forbearance, Harmony, Peace, Quiet
 As soon as he started his speech, he launched into a rather harsh polemic on his political opponents, calling them cheats and frauds.
- **Politic (Adj.)** (بہدیز، عاقبت اندیش) Well-judged and likely to benefit
Synonyms: Expedient, Prudent, Judicious, Adroit, Sagacious
Antonyms: Impolitic, Indiscreet, Tactless
 All his friends and relatives took him for a useless man, but he made such a politic move in the field of business, that they now believe him to be a well-judged and wise man.
- **Poltroon (Adj.)** (ڈرپوک) Thorough coward
Synonyms: Craven, Caitiff, Pusillanimous, Spineless, Lily-Livered
Antonyms: Brave, Courageous, Valiant
 The navigator of the bus proved to be an absolute poltroon and ran away as soon as he saw that the journey might prove to be difficult.
- **Polyglot (Adj. & n)** (بہت زبان، متعدد زبانوں کا ماہر) Speaking or writing several languages
Synonyms: Multilingual
 Well-versed in six languages, the new secretary of this department is quite a polyglot.
- **Pompous (Adj.)** (عظیم الشان، شاندار) Thinking oneself to be very important, and behaving accordingly
Synonyms: Arrogant, Flaunting, Grandiose, Showy, Supercilious
Antonyms: Dull, Modest, Plain, Simple, Unassuming
 He was humble and down to earth till the recent award that he got made him pompous and arrogant.
- **Ponderous (Adj.)** (بھاری اور بے ڈول وزن) Slow and awkward because of huge size and weight
Synonyms: Cumbersome, Unwieldy, Tedious, Burdensome
Antonyms: Light, Easy, Manageable
 His wife constantly keeps chiding him for his slow and ponderous manner of walking.
- **Pontificate (v)** (فیصلہ کن انداز میں بولنا یا برتاؤ کرنا) Stating things in a manner which suggests that one's opinion is the only correct one
Synonyms: Sermonise, Evangelise, Harangue, Preach
Antonyms: Suggest, Propose

- I don't like visiting his place because his father has a very annoying habit of pontificating on almost every subject, without letting you have a word in the conversation.
- **Pontoon (n)** (لوہے سے بنی ہوئی کشتی) A kind of a flat bottomed boat
Synonyms: Float, Barge, Boat, Craft, Raft
Antonyms: Ship, Aeroplane
 During heavy rush season, the villagers usually tie a set of pontoons together side by side and use it as a bridge to cross the river.
 - **Porcine (Adj.)** (سورکا، خنزیر منہ) Of or like a pig
Synonyms: Hoggish, Piggish, Rapacious
 The way he was greedily gobbling up his food he very much resembled the porcine creatures that live on filth and garbage outside our colony.
 - **Pore (v)** (مسئلے توجہ کے ساتھ مطالعہ میں غرق ہونا) Study attentively, Ponder, Scrutinise
Synonyms: Brood, Examine, Peruse, Regard, Study
Antonyms: Flip Through, Scan
 Even though he had spent the whole night poring over various dictionaries, he could not find the meaning of the word he was looking for.
 - **Porous (Adj.)** (مسام دار، سوراخ دار) Allowing liquid to pass through, Full of pores (small holes)
Synonyms: Absorptive, Penetrable, Permeable, Pervious, Sponge-like, Spongy
Antonyms: Impermeable, Waterproof, Impervious
 The vessel in which we had stored the water was porous and so all the water leaked out in an hour.
 - **Portals (n)** (آستانہ، دروازہ) Door or entrance, esp. an imposing one
Synonyms: Doorway, Entrance, Gateway, Ingress, Opening
Antonyms: Exit, Exodus
 A strange confidence, something he had never felt before, seemed to overpower him as he entered the portals of the impressive building where he was supposed to assume charge.
 - **Portend (v)** (پیشین گوئی) Be a sign of warning for a future event
Synonyms: Presage, Foreshadow, Indicate, Harbinger, Omen
Antonyms: Hide, Conceal
 According to an old superstition, the twitching of the eye muscles portend that something unfortunate is going to happen.
 - **Portentous (Adj.)** (خوفناک، بدشگون) 1. Ominous 2. Self-important
Synonyms: 1. Foreboding, Premonition, Menacing 2. Pompous, Pretentious
Antonyms: 1. Pleasing, Gratifying, Reassuring 2. Diffident, Reticent, Modest
 His thesis is well researched, but the only problem is that it sometimes goes into unnecessary portentous philosophising.
 - **Portly (Adj.)** (فربه، عظیم الشان) Slightly fat. Also, Stately in manner
Synonyms: Stout, Plump, Fleshy, Dignified, Impressive, Striking
Antonyms: Thin, Insignificant, Banal, Mediocre
 The bridegroom was a jovial looking young man, not exactly fat but portly, and had a very pleasing smile.

- **Poseur (n)** (بُھانڈی، بُھانڈی) Person who pretends to be cleverer or more artistic than he/she really is
Synonyms: Hypocrite, Imposter, Mimic, Pretender
Antonyms: Original, Genuine
 We thought he was genuinely knowledgeable about the subject but was soon exposed to be a poseur when he failed to answer any of our questions with confidence.
- **Posterity (n)** (آنے والی نسل) People of the future, Coming generations
Synonyms: Children, Descendants, Offspring, Progeny, Successors
Antonyms: Ancestors, Predecessors
 Thanks to the digitalisation of data storage, the greatest works of the twentieth century in art, literature, music, and cinema can be preserved for posterity.
- **Posthumous (Adj.)** (بعد از مرگ) Occurring after one's death
Synonyms: Post-Obituary
 For the supreme sacrifice of his life in the battlefield, the government has decided to posthumously award him the highest military honour of the country.
- **Postprandial (Adj.)** (کھانے کے بعد ہونے والا) After lunch or dinner
 A postprandial walk in the park near our house is a regular part of our routine.
- **Postulate (n & v)** (مسئلہ فرض کرنا) Something taken as true, though not proved
Synonyms: Assume, Hypothesise, Propose, Speculate
Antonyms: Calculate, Verify
 Euclid's Fifth postulate was taken as a standard in geometry for many decades, before it was finally disproved by some German mathematicians in the early nineteenth century.
- **Posy (n)** (چھوٹا گلہستہ) A small bunch of flowers
Synonyms: Bouquet, Nosegay, Spray
Antonyms: Bush, Tree
 The little girl carried a small posy of chrysanthemums in her hand and presented it to the chief guest.
- **Potable (Adj.)** (پینے کے لیے موزوں) Suitable for drinking
Synonyms: Drinkable, Beverage
Antonyms: Food
 The municipality water is not safe for drinking and has to be purified to make it potable.
- **Potboiler (n)** (ادبی درجے کی ادبی یا فنی تصنیف) A book, article etc. of low quality produced in haste to gain quick money
Synonyms: Meretricious, Overused, Buzzword, Commonplace, Platitude
Antonyms: coinage, nuance
 Most Lollywood movies are typical run-of-the-mill potboilers, either action packed revenge dramas or mushy love stories.
- **Potent (Adj.)** (زبردست طاقت یا اختیار رکھنے والا) Powerful, Persuasive, Greatly influential
Synonyms: Mighty, Powerful, Compelling, Persuasive
Antonyms: Inept, Inefficient, Impotent

- The medicine prescribed by the doctor proved to be a potent remedy for my lingering throat pain, the pain was gone within few hours of taking the medicine.
- **Potentate (n)** (مہرال، بادشاہ) A person who has great power or authority
Synonyms: Monarch, Ruler, Emperor, Sovereign, King
Antonyms: Subjects, Masses
 The army general took over the reins of power in the country and became the potentate ruler, and has remained so ever since for the last eighteen months.
- **Potion (n)** (محرث، گونٹ) Mixture of liquid used as medicine or poison
Synonyms: Brew, Dose, Liquor, Remedy, Tonic
Antonyms: Tablets, Pills
 To tackle the dangerous disease, the village physician developed a potion using the locally available herbs and spring water which proved to be very effective.
- **Pounce (v)** (دروچھا، چھپٹنا) To jump suddenly so as to grasp
Synonyms: Ambush, Swoop, Snatch, Surge
Antonyms: Liberate, Release
 Using the advantage of the dim light, the lion went close to the deer and before the deer could realise it, pounced on it.
- **Pout (n & v)** (ہوٹوں کو باہر نکالنا) A facial expression in which the lips are pushed forward so as to show displeasure or attract attention
Synonyms: Frown, Glower, Moue,
Antonyms: Grin, Smile
 The pampered little child has developed the bad habit of pouting and sitting in a corner whenever she does not get what she asks for.
- **Practicable (Adj.)** (قابل عمل) That which can be successfully done or used, though not yet tried
Synonyms: Accessible, Attainable, Functional, Performable, Utile, Workable
Antonyms: Impossible, Impracticable, Unworkable
 The reason for most of the dot-com companies closing down is lack of an implementation strategy and not the absence of a practicable concept.
- **Practical (Adj.)** (عملی) Based on experience and actual actions rather than ideas, Useful
Synonyms: Pragmatic, Applied, Efficient, Rational, Sound, Systematic
Antonyms: Impractical, Theoretical
 By agreeing to talk to the dissidents, he has taken a very practical approach to solve the crisis.
- **Pragmatic (Adj.)** (حکمتی، نتائج کے اعتبار سے بحث کرنے والا) Concerned with actual results rather than thoughts or ideas
Synonyms: Practical, Applied, Efficient, Rational, Sound, Systematic
Antonyms: Impractical, Theoretical
 Unlike his predecessor who was extremely ideological, the new CEO is pragmatic and focussed on results.

- **Prattle (v)** (بک بک کرنا) Babble, Talk in childish or artless fashion
Synonyms: Burble, Chatter, Gibberish, Tattling
Antonyms: Quiet, Silent
 I just hate this radio channel – the DJs just go on prattling without uselessly playing any music.
- **Preamble (n)** (مقدمہ) Introductory statement, Preliminary statement in speech or writing
Synonyms: Introduction, Preface, Foreword, Prelude
Antonyms: Addendum, Appendix, Postscript
 In the preamble to the speech itself, he made it clear that he would not be speaking as a representative of the team, but would be expressing his individual opinions.
- **Precarious (Adj.)** (مشتبہ یا غیر محفوظ) Dangerous, Not firm and steady, Unsafe
Synonyms: Ambiguous, Dubious, Equivocal, Perilous
Antonyms: Certain, Definite, Strong, Undoubted
 He had planned to start a new business when his financial situation was stable, but now that his financial situation seems to be a bit precarious, he has dropped the plan.
- **Precedent (n)** (مثال، نظیر) Previous case taken as example for subsequent cases or as justification. Also, anything that comes before or prior to something else
Synonyms: Example, Model, Guide, Pattern, Standard
Antonyms: Deviation, Difference, Divergence
 By agreeing to resign as soon as the defence deal scandal was exposed, the defence minister has set a good precedent.
- **Precept (n)** (نہی، حکم نامہ) A rule on which any conduct or action is based
Synonyms: Axiom, Canon, Doctrine, Injunction, Mandate, Statute
Antonyms: Absurdity, Ambiguity
 Many religions follow the precept that it is important to treat others as you, yourself would like to be treated.
- **Precinct (n)** (کسی جگہ کا احاطہ کرنے والا سرحدی خط، حدود) 1. Space enclosed by walls or other boundaries of a place or building 2. A division of a town or city for political or legal purposes
Synonyms: Area, District, Division, Province
Antonyms: Inside, Interior, Minimum
 2. The latest police records released last week show that incidents of violent crimes in these two adjoining precincts of the town have gone up by nearly 10% in the last one year.
- **Preciosity (n)** (نازک مزاجی یا بہ فصیح شائستگی) Extreme refinements or affectation of style, speech or taste
Synonyms: Precision, Preciousness, Meticulousness, Delicacy
Antonyms: Vulgarism, Expletive
 The principal of this institute talks with such fictitious preciosity that one cannot trust a word of what he says.

- **Precipice (n)** (عملاقان زمین) Vertical or steep face of a rock, cliff, or mountain
Synonyms: Bluff, Cliff, Crag, Height, Sheer Drop, Steep
Antonyms: Canyon, Ditch, Gully
 The two neighbouring countries have often reached the edge of the precipice in the past – and have been involved in a full fledged war as many as four times in the last forty years.
- **Precipitate (v & Adj.)** (اچانک بروئے کار لانا) Rash, Premature, Hasty
Synonyms: Accelerate, Discharge, Expedite, Fling, Launch, Quicken, Trigger
Antonyms: Check, Slow, Wait
 Instead of acting with a precipitate haste, had he done it thoughtfully and with more care, he would have succeeded.
- **Precipitate (v)** (تیزی کے ساتھ بڑھتا ہوا، تیز میں بیٹھنا) 1. Throw downwards or forward with great force 2. To make something happen sooner than expected
Synonyms: 1. Fling, Hurl 2. Hasten
Antonyms: Cautious, Vigilant
 1. The raging bull banged against him with great force and precipitated him down the hill.
 2. The financial scandal involving some top ministers and politicians has the potential to precipitate the fall of the government within the next one month.
- **Precipitous (Adj.)** (جلد باز) 1. Steep 2. Hasty
Synonyms: Abrupt, Arduous, Craggy
Antonyms: Pre-planned, Gradual, Contemplated
 1. It was a precipitous drop from the top of the cliff, there's no way that the shepherd could have survived the fall. 2. She realised that her earlier decision to get married had been precipitous, and so the marriage had been unsuccessful -- she had no intentions of making the same mistake again.
- **Précis (n)** (خلاصہ، مختصر) Summary, Concise summing up of main points
Synonyms: Abstract, Abridgment, Compendium, Synopsis
Antonyms: Augmentation, Expansion
 The teacher liked her essay so much that he asked her to write a précis of it, which he intended to circulate to all the other students.
- **Precise (Adj.)** (دقیق، صحیح) Exact, Accurately expressed
Synonyms: Exact, Accurate, Particular, Defined
Antonyms: Inaccurate, Indefinite
 I do not know the precise time when the train is scheduled to arrive, but I know that it is approximately around 8 in the morning.
- **Preclude (v)** (باز رکھنا، محروم کرنا) To render impossible, prevent
Synonyms: Hinder, Prohibit, Impede, Thwart, Hamper
Antonyms: Allow, Permit, Okay
 The terms and conditions of this transaction preclude him from contacting the potential buyers directly, he is bound by contract to approach the buyers through the agency.

- **Precocious (Adj.)** (قبل از وقت، تیز طرار) Advanced in development, Prematurely developed in mind or body
Synonyms: Advanced, Brassy, Developed, Intelligent
Antonyms: Stupid, Nonsense
 His precocious memory surprised everybody, he could remember even the toughest of words of English even at the age of five.
- **Precursor (n)** (پیش رو، تیغ) Something that comes before another and leads to it or develops into it, Forerunner
Synonyms: Harbinger, Progenitor, Herald, Vanguard
Antonyms: Result, Aftermath
 German rockets used during the Second World War as weapons were a precursor to the modern day space rockets.
- **Predator (Adj.)** (غارت گر، شیر، شکاری) Creature that seizes and devours another animal, Person who robs or exploits other
Synonyms: Hunter, Killer, Meat-eater
Antonyms: Prey, Victim
 In the forests, tame animals like deer and rabbits have to be constantly on guard against predators like lions and tigers.
- **Predecessor (n)** (پیش رو، آباؤ اجداد، اسلاف) Former holder of any office or position
Synonyms: Precursor, Portent, Forerunner, Antecedent
Antonyms: Successor, Descendent
 The new President of the company is a die-hard optimist, in stark contrast to his predecessor, who was known for his pessimism.
- **Predicament (n)** (ایک ناخوشگوار، پریشان کن خطرناک صورت حال یا موقع) Difficult or unpleasant situation
Synonyms: Dilemma, Quandary, Impasse, Quagmire, Pickle
Antonyms: Bonanza, Victory, Celebration
 Having accidentally accepted two invitations for the same evening, he was in a real predicament as to which one to attend.
- **Predilection (n)** (میلان خاطر، رجحان) A preference or bias in favour of something
Synonyms: Inclination, Pendency, Fondness, Tendency, Liking
Antonyms: Impartiality, Detachment, Indifference
 Even though he had been hurt badly twice in bull-fight, he enjoys it even now, he seems to have predilection for such dangerous sport.
- **Predispose (v)** (پہلے سے مائل کرنا) To influence someone in advance
Synonyms: Impress, Incline, Prejudice, Stimulate, Urge
Antonyms: Discourage, Dissuade
 He had come to the meeting predisposed for a fight and was just not ready to listen to any reasoning.
- **Preeminent (Adj.)** (ممتاز، برتر، افضل) Outstanding, Superior to all others in having certain qualities
Synonyms: Finest, Unsurpassed, Paramount, Incomparable, Superlative
Antonyms: Banal, Inferior
 Though it is a small country, Japan has been preeminent in the field of technology, few other countries are as advanced as Japan is.

- **Pre-empt (v)** (دروگت، نامم بستانا) To remove any reason for doing something by taking action in advance, To make something ineffective or needless
Synonyms: Preclude, Forestall, Thwart, Prevent, Frustrate
Antonyms: Authorise, Allow, Sanction, Okay
 By himself going to the Chief Manager and apologising for his lapse, the junior manager pre-empted the possibility of his immediate boss complaining about him to the Chief Manager.
- **Preen (v)** (پہل کو صاف کرنا) Make oneself tidy in appearance
Synonyms: Clean, Groom, Prettify, Titivate
Antonyms: Forget, Ignore
 She spends hours in front of the mirror each day, preening herself and applying various creams on her face.
- **Prefatory (Adj.)** (دیاچہ کا، تمجیدی) Acting as preface or introduction
Synonyms: Opening, Initiative, Introductory, Preliminary
Antonyms: Conclusive, Final
 In his prefatory remarks before the speech, he sincerely thanked the chairman of the company for allowing him to speak on the occasion.
- **Prejudice (n & v)** (تعصب) An unfair and unfavourable feeling against someone, An unreasonable opinion about someone
Synonyms: Chauvinism, Insularity, Bigotry, Discrimination
Antonyms: Impartiality, Detachment, Neutrality
 His deep rooted prejudice against members of that particular community is probably the only factor that goes against him in his selection for the post.
- **Prelude (n)** (آغاز، تمہیہ) Something followed by something larger or more important
Synonyms: Forerunner, Exordium, Preamble, Preface, Prologue, Start
Antonyms: Ending, Epilogue, Postlude, Aftermath
 The announcements made by the finance minister in the Parliament today are being seen as a prelude to a series of more important announcements to follow in the next few days.
- **Premeditated (Adj.)** (سوچا سمجھا) Planned in advance, and done on purpose
Synonyms: Planned, Deliberated, Considered, Calculated, Studied
Antonyms: Offhand, Unintentional, Unplanned
 The police have so far been working on the theory that the murder attempt was a premeditated one, but new evidence suggests that the attempt was made without any previous planning.
- **Premise (n)** (مقدمہ، تمہید، تیغیہ) A statement on which some reasoning is based
Synonyms: Hypothesis, Argument, Assertion, Ground, Supposition, Thesis
Antonyms: Fact, Reality, Truth
 The basic premise of his argument is that the tapes that have been given to the court as evidence have been doctored.
- **Premonition (n)** (پیش آگاہی) A feeling that something unpleasant is going to happen, Forewarning
Synonyms: Presage, Foreshadow, Indicate, Harbinger, Omen
Antonyms: Hide, Conceal

He had a sudden premonition that the room in which they were having a conversation might have a hidden microphone, so signalled to his partner to lower his voice.

- **Prenatal** (Adj.) (قبل از ولادت) Happening before a child is born
Synonyms: Before Birth, During Pregnancy, Embryonic, Prenatal
Antonyms: Postnatal
 Most doctors are now convinced that proper prenatal care for the expectant mother is perhaps the most important factor determining the health of the newly born baby.
- **Preponderant** (Adj.) (زیادہ اہمیت رکھنے والا، برتر) Being superior in weight, force, intensity etc.
Synonyms: Dominant, Prevailing, Overriding
Antonyms: Docile, Subservient
 Music plays a preponderant role in all the movies of the director, as he believes that a short piece of background music can create a variety of emotions in the minds of the audience.
- **Preposterous** (Adj.) (انتہائی احمقانہ، لغو) Absurd, Ridiculous, Totally unreasonable
Synonyms: Asinine, Extravagant, Irrational, Ludicrous, Wild
Antonyms: Realistic, Reasonable, Sensible
 The army chief has dismissed as preposterous the allegations that kickbacks had been paid by the army to certain suppliers of weapons in the defence deals.
- **Prerogative** (n) (استحقاق، اختیار) A special right or privilege
Synonyms: Privilege, Right, Dispensation, Discretion, Authority
Antonyms: Duty, Obligation
 Membership of clubs in the city has largely remained a prerogative of the privileged few – those who belong to the super-rich category.
- **Presage** (n) (شگون، فال) To be a warning signal of something before it happens
Synonyms: Augury, Foreboding, Intuition, Hunch, Suggestion
Antonyms: Calmness, Ease
 The sky was suddenly abuzz with a large number of birds flying in all directions, a presage of the massive storm that was to follow soon.
- **Prescient** (Adj.) (کچھ وقوع پذیر ہونے کی علامات) Able to imagine or guess what will probably happen
Synonyms: Clairvoyant, Prophetic, Visionary, Predictive, Telepathist
Antonyms: Short-sighted, Unthinking, Unwise
 A friend of my father had the prescience to predict the emergence of a network of computers all over the world, long before the Internet became a household term.
- **Presentiment** (n) (پیش بینی) Feeling something will happen, Vague expectation
Synonyms: Premonition, Presage, Vibes
Antonyms: Sensation, Surprise, Wonder
 As soon as she woke up that fateful day, she had a presentiment that something bad is going to happen.

- **Presumptuous** (Adj.) (گمان یا احتمال سے بھرا ہوا) Unduly confident, Showing disrespect towards others because of an overly high opinion of oneself
Synonyms: Arrogant, Conceited, Audacious, Haughty, Supercilious
Antonyms: Respectful, Courteous, Considerate
 It was extremely presumptuous on his part to hold a press conference and announce himself as the winner of the elections, even before the results of one state were yet to be declared.
- **Pretentious** (Adj.) (مہارتوں یا غریبوں کا جھوٹا ادعا) False claim to have importance or artistic value
Synonyms: Exaggeration, Pompousness, Conceit, Hollowness
Antonyms: Modest, Unassuming
 His claim of having complete information about the share market was clearly pretentious, he was not able to answer any of my questions on the trends in the market.
- **Preternatural** (Adj.) (خلاف دستور، مادرائے فطرت) Outside the ordinary course of nature
Synonyms: Aberrant, Anomalous, Ghostly, Irregular, Mysterious, Peculiar
Antonyms: Common, Natural, Normal, Regular, Usual
 He seemed to be blessed with the preternatural ability to predict the outcome of almost all cricket matches.
- **Pretext** (n) (بہانہ) Excuse, A reason given for an action which is not the real reason, but to hide the real reason
Synonyms: Disguise, Alibi, Excuse, Feint, Plea
Antonyms: Reality, Truth
 She often visits her aunt's house on the pretext of seeing her, but in fact she wants to see her son, who is a tall and smart boy of seventeen.
- **Prevail** (v) (چھابانا، غالب آنا) 1. To exist or be widespread, 2. To gain victory or control. Also, to persuade
Synonyms: Predominate, Abound, Reign, 2. Dominate, Control, Conquer
Antonyms: Lose, Surrender
 1. Though people believe that witchcraft does not exist nowadays, but there are certain villages where witchcraft and black magic still prevails.
 2. Agassi prevailed over Sampras in the final set of the match, and won the finals of the championship 3-6, 7-6, 4-6, 6-4 and 10-8.
- **Prevaricate** (v) (سچائی سے بچنا، جھوٹ بولنا) To hide the truth by not answering questions correctly
Synonyms: Quibble, Hedge, Stall, Dissemble
Antonyms: Be honest, Tell truth
 The party spokesperson was not able to answer even a single question properly, all his answers seemed to be prevaricating statements revealing little.
- **Prey** (n) (شکار، مہد) Target of a hunt, Victim
Synonyms: Game, Victim
Antonyms: Predator, Attacker

The vulture managed to get a firm grip on its prey and carried it away in its claws.

- **Prim (Adj.)** (پریم کے ساتھ پائیدار رسم و رواج) Very precise and formal, and easily offended by rudeness
Synonyms: Prudish, Victorian, Decorous, Fastidious, Priggish, Puritanical
Antonyms: Improper, Prior, Informal, Rumped
 She considers herself too prim and proper to be seen by an outsider in a nightie.
- **Primordial (Adj.)** (اولین، اساسی) Existing at or from the beginning, Original
Synonyms: Aboriginal, Pioneer, Primeval, Rudimentary
Antonyms: Modish, Modern
 The planet Jupiter contains large amounts of the primordial gas and dust out of which the solar system was formed.
- **Pristine (Adj.)** (خالص، جراثیم سے پاک) Pure and unharmed, Fresh and clean
Synonyms: Immaculate, Perfect, Unspoiled, Impeccable, Flawless, Ideal
Antonyms: Filthy, Polluted, Contaminated
 We spent a wonderful weekend in the pristine surroundings of a hill resort, far from the dust and grime of the big city.
- **Privation (n)** (محرومی) A lack or loss of the comforts or necessities of life
Synonyms: Deprivation, Hardship, Adversity, Misery, Deficiency
Antonyms: Abundance, Plethora
 They are quite used to a life of misery and privation, and do not have any expectations from the new government.
- **Probation (n)** (آزمائش، امتحان، پرکھ) The process of assessing the suitability of a person for a job over a period of time, till the person is confirmed
Synonyms: Apprenticeship, Noviciate, Test Period, Trial
 As he was not experienced, the employer decided to appoint him on probation for three months before confirming his job.
- **Probe (v & n)** (پیمان بین کرنا، کھون لگانا) Explore, search or examine
Synonyms: Investigate, Examine, Inquire, Interrogate, Pierce, Quiz, Scrutinise
Antonyms: Estimate, Guess, Suppose
 The government has decided to entrust the probe of the financial scandal to the Central Intelligence Agency.
- **Probity (n)** (مصدقہ، سچائی) Absolute honesty
Synonyms: Saintliness, Integrity, Righteousness, Candour, Uprightness
Antonyms: Corruptibility, Turpitude
 Everyone knows him to be an absolutely honest and incorruptible person, so it is sad that he has been asked to prove his probity in the court.
- **Proclivity (n)** (میلان، شوق، رغبت) A strong natural liking or tendency towards something
Synonyms: Inclination, Propensity, Tendency, Appetite
Antonyms: Avoidance, Aversion
 His proclivity for good food and wine is well known, but not many are aware that he also has a passion for racehorses.

- **Procrastinate (v)** (دیر کرنا، التوا میں ڈالنا) To defer or delay an action without good reason
Synonyms: Adjourn, Dawdle, Hesitate, Postpone, Suspend, Wait
Antonyms: Accelerate, Expedite, Quicken
 I've procrastinated writing this letter long enough, it is high time that I wrote it.
- **Proctor (n & v)** (نگران، دیکھ بھال کرتا) Invigilator, A person appointed to ensure that students do not cheat during an examination
Synonyms: Appointee, Delegate, Examiner, Supervisor
Antonyms: Students, Aspirants
 The students took full advantage of the leniency of the proctor during the examination, and indulged in rampant irregularities.
- **Prod (v)** (پھیلانہ، کسی کو تھکانے پر مجبور کرنا) To push or press with urgency, Poke
Synonyms: Goad, Nudge, Stimulate, Thrust
Antonyms: Discourage, Dissuade
 In order to make sure that the crab was dead, he prodded it with a blunt cane.
- **Prodigal (Adj.)** (شاہ خرچ، فضول خرچ) Carelessly wasteful, as of money, time or strength
Synonyms: Extravagant, Profligate, Wasteful, Squandering, Wanton
Antonyms: Thrifty, Niggardly, Careful,
 He regrets the day he let her daughter have a credit card, she is so prodigal that he goes for shopping almost every alternate day.
- **Prodigious (Adj.)** (بہت بڑا، غیر معمولی، عظیم) Amazing, Magnificently large or powerful
Synonyms: Enormous, Mammoth, Gigantic, Gargantuan, Massive
Antonyms: Infinitesimal, Minute
 He has got such a prodigious memory that even now, at the age of seventy, he can recall the formulae he had studied in his school days.
- **Prodigy (n)** (غیر معمولی ذہانت یا قابلیت رکھنے والا نوجوان) A person, esp., a child, who shows extraordinary abilities
Synonyms: Genius, Phenomenal, Mastermind, Whiz Kid, Spectacular
Antonyms: Dumdum, Simpleton
 The parents of the prodigy proudly informed the TV journalist that the child had learned how to perform complicated mathematical operations at the age of five.
- **Profane (Adj.)** (غیر مذہبی، الوادی) 1. Showing disrespect for God and for holy things 2. Socially unacceptable and shocking
Synonyms: 1. Desecrate, Irreverent 2. Obscene
Antonyms: Clean, Moral, Sacred
 1. The Muslim clerics ordained that the writer should be banished from the country for his profane writings.
 2. The song has been banned on all radio and TV stations as it contains a line full of profanities.

- **Profligate** (Adj. & n) (غیر بچہ، عیاش، فضول خرچ) 1. Recklessly wasteful, esp. of money 2. Wicked and immoral
Synonyms: 1. *Prodigal, Spendthrift, Squandering* 2. *Licentious, Dissolute*
Antonyms: 1. *Skimping, Thrifty* 2. *Decent, Chaste*
 1. Coming from a conservative family that believed in spending money cautiously, she was shocked to see the profligacy in the household.
- **Profound** (Adj.) (گہرا) Deep, Very strongly felt, Absolute
Synonyms: *Insightful, Solicitous, Philosophical, Contemplative, Shrewd, Astute*
Antonyms: *Frivolous, Superfluous*
 There was such a profound silence in the hall that one could even hear one's own heart beat.
- **Profuse** (Adj.) (دافر، بافرام) Overabundant, Excessive
Synonyms: *Abundant, Copious, Bounteous, Ample, Plethora*
Antonyms: *Scarce, Paucity, Dearth, Inadequate*
 The bleeding from the wound he suffered on his knee was so profuse that the doctor had to apply multiple layers of ointment and bandage in order to stop it.
- **Progenitor** (n) (مورث اعلیٰ، جد امجد) A person or thing of the past, from which someone or something is descended
Synonyms: *Forebear, Precursor, Ancestor, Antecedent, Grandparent*
Antonyms: *Descendant, Successor*
 Karl Marx is widely regarded as the progenitor of communism.
- **Progeny** (n) (اولاد) Children, Offspring
Synonyms: *Children, Infantile, Progeny*
Antonyms: *Predecessors, Ancestors*
 He totally left out his progeny from his will, but that did not come as a surprise to those who knew his four children closely.
- **Prognosis** (n) (حالت مرض کی پیشین گوئی) Prediction, foreknowledge (usually used in medical terms, thus, a medical prognosis is the art of foretelling the cause of a disease)
Synonyms: *Augury, Prophecy, Anticipation, Conjecture, Projection*
Antonyms: *Known, Happened*
 The business magazine has reported a gloomy prognosis for the economy in the forthcoming year in its latest issue.
- **Proliferate** (v) (گونا گونا گونا گونا) To grow or reproduce rapidly
Synonyms: *Burgeon, Propagate, Flourish, Thrive, Multiply*
Antonyms: *Deteriorate, Depreciate, Weaken*
 The business of Medical Transcription which was not at all heard of a few years back, has now proliferated to such an extent that most students opt for a carrier as an MT as soon as they come out of school.
- **Prolific** (Adj.) (دافر، بافرام، فراوان) Abundantly fruitful
Synonyms: *Inexhaustible, Abundant, Profitable, Luxuriant*
Antonyms: *Infertile, Desolate*

- He was among the most prolific music composers in Hindi cinema, having composed the music in over 500 films.
 (طویل کثرت کرنے کا شوقین) Using too many words to say a simple thing, Tiringly long and wordy
Prolix (Adj.)
Synonyms: *Loquacious, Verbosity, Garrulous, Rambling, Wordy*
Antonyms: *Terse, Concise, Brusque*
 The author had a very prolix style of writing in the first book he had written three years ago, but in his latest book released this month, he has remarkably altered his style by being pithy and direct.
- **Prologue** (n) (تعارف، لہجہ یا مکمل کا) Introduction (to a poem or play)
Synonyms: *Introduction, Foreword, Preamble, Prelude*
Antonyms: *Epilogue, Finale*
 In the prologue to the play itself, the writer has made it amply clear that the incidents depicted in the play have been drawn from real life incidents, but modified for theatrical reproduction.
- **Promenade** (n & v) (پہل قدمی، مزاحمت) A leisurely walk or ride, usu. for amusement
Synonyms: *Walk, Mooch around*
Antonyms: *Stay, Wait*
 The couple was on a leisurely and unhurried promenade in the park, when the husband's cell phone rang and the devastating information came in.
- **Prominent** (Adj.) (ممتاز، نامور) Easily noticeable, Sticking out, Of great importance
Synonyms: *Conspicuous, Illustrious, Evident, Renowned*
Antonyms: *Inconspicuous, Unknown*
 The house he has built now is in a prominent place, you can't just miss it even if you are in a hurry.
- **Promontory** (n) (زمین یا چٹان کی آگے کو سمندر میں بڑھی ہوئی ٹوک) Point of high land jutting out into sea etc
Synonyms: *Headland, Ness, Cape, Isthmus*
Antonyms: *Depth*
 The doctor's beautiful bungalow is situated on the promontory overlooking the cliffs, and his backdoor opens out into a panoramic view of the sea.
- **Prompt** (v) (عمل یا محنت کے لیے حرکت دینا یا اکساتا) To cause or urge, Provoke
Synonyms: *Incite, Goad, Advocate, Promote, Encourage, Sponsor*
Antonyms: *Halt, Prevent, Thwart*
 I had decided to remain silent throughout the investigation, but his constantly annoying remarks prompted me to speak.
- **Promulgate** (v) (اعلان کرنا، شہر کرنا) 1. To bring into effect a doctrine or law, Make known to the public, 2. Distribute or spread
Synonyms: *Enforce, Enact, Implement, Execute, Impose*
Antonyms: *Withdraw, Remove*

The government has decided to promulgate a legislation by which all foreign currency brought into the country will have to be converted into local currency within 24 hours of getting it.

- **Prone (Adj.)** (مزاجی کینیت یا نفری رخمان کے ہامٹ مانگ) 1. Likely to be affected or to suffer from something 2. Lying on one's front, face downwards
Synonyms: 1. Susceptible, Vulnerable 2. Prostrate, Supine
Antonyms: 1. Immune

Unlike his younger brother Aqib, who is immune to cold and fever, Asim is quite prone to such diseases; he often complains of headache and body pain followed by rise in body temperature.

- **Propagate (v)** (پھیلاتا، شتہر کرتا) To rapidly multiply in number, Spread
Synonyms: Disseminate, Diffuse, Proliferate, Publicise
Antonyms: Conceal, Hide

Some recent media reports have propagated the theory that the huge financial scandal that has rocked the nation must have originated right at the top.

- **Propel (v)** (دھکیاتا) To move, push, or drive forward
Synonyms: Actuate, Force, Impel, Shove, Start, Thrust
Antonyms: Hinder, Hold, Keep

The rigid stance of the leaders of both the feuding nations will only propel the two countries closer towards war.

- **Propensity (n)** (رجحان، رغبت) Inclination, Tendency
Synonyms: Proclivity, Inclination, Affinity, Sympathy, Predisposition
Antonyms: Indifference, Apathy
He seems to have a natural propensity to get into trouble.

- **Prophetic (Adj.)** (پیشین گوئی پر مشتمل) Foretelling the future
Synonyms: Visionary, Farsighted, Predictive, Futurist, Projecting, Prognostic
Antonyms: Practical, Real, Realistic
The astrological forecast for my zodiac sign published in the newspaper this Sunday has proved amazingly prophetic – not only have I got this job offer, but I have also patched up a dispute with an old friend.

- **Prophylactic (Adj. & n)** (پیشیاتی، بیماری کا دفاع کرنے والا) Tending to protect against or ward off something, esp. disease.
Synonyms: Protective, Contraceptive, Preventative, Antiseptic
Antonyms: Polluted, Unclean, Unsanitary
Many superstitious people believe that smearing the front wall of their house with some mud and cow dung can prove to be prophylactic.

- **Propinquity (n)** (قرابت، عزیزداری) Nearness, Similarity
Synonyms: Kinship, Nearness, Closeness, Proximity, Immediacy
Antonyms: Distance, Remoteness
The propinquity of their houses made it possible for the lovers to meet often without their parents getting to know about it.

- **Propitiate (v)** (خوش کرنا، منانا) To win the favour of
Synonyms: Conciliate, Appease, Assuage, Placate, Satisfy
Antonyms: Annoy, Incite, Irritate

To propitiate the restless audience, the organisers requested the superstar, who was the chief guest of the show, to perform on the stage till the main performer arrived.

- **Propitious (Adj.)** (موافق، سازگار) Advantageous, Favourable, Fortunate
Synonyms: Advantageous, Auspicious, Promising, Providential
Antonyms: Unfavourable, Hostile, Prejudiced
The car broke down almost as soon as they had reached the outskirts of the town – it was hardly a propitious start to their journey.

- **Proponent (n)** (کسی نظریے، اصول یا مقصد کا حامی) A person who supports or advocates in favour of something
Synonyms: Advocate, Supporter, Promoter, Campaigner, Devotee
Antonyms: Opponent, Antagonist, Challenger
Mr Mansha had been one of the leading proponents of a free market economy in Pakistan, at a time when the economic policies were steeped in the principles of socialism.

- **Propound (v)** (تجزیہ کے لیے پیش کرنا) Put forth for analysis, Propose
Synonyms: Suggest, Present, Plan, Profess
Antonyms: Dictate, Order
It was the Greek astronomer Ptolemy who first propounded the theory that the earth moved round the sun, and not vice versa.

- **Proprietary (Adj.)** (ملاکدار یا ملکیت سے متعلق) Privately owned or controlled
Synonyms: Dominion, Hold, Occupancy, Retention, Tenancy, Title
Antonyms: Lack, Need, Want
Since one of the two partners has decided to quit the partnership, the firm will now be reduced to a proprietary concern.

- **Propriety (n)** (مناسب طرز عمل) Correctness of conduct, Rightness
Synonyms: Politeness, Decorum, Modesty, Decency, Aptness
Antonyms: Immorality, Shrewdness
Even in the most forward societies, a live-in relationship between a younger man and an older woman is seen as flouting the norms of social propriety.

- **Propulsive (Adj.)** (آگے کو دھکیلنے والا) Driving forward
Synonyms: Propellant, Compelling, Energetic, Galvanic, Vigorous
Antonyms: Feeble, Weak, Wimpy
The heroic innings by the captain himself proved to be the propulsive force for the entire team, which was now playing for a victory.

- **Prorogue (v)** (حکومت کے اجلاس ملتوی کرنا) To halt a series of meetings etc. until a stated date
Synonyms: Defer, Postpone, Stay, Suspend
Antonyms: Begin, Convene, Continue
The judge has decided to prorogue further hearings of the case till the time that some fresh concrete evidence is found.

- **Prosaic (Adj.)** (معمولی، بے مزہ، بے لطف) Dull and unimaginative, Unromantic
Synonyms: Banal, Mundane, Commonplace, Humdrum, Hackneyed
Antonyms: Romantic, Imaginative

I just don't believe that the person who used to give such an eloquent and fluent speech is delivering such a prosaic speech today, I'm sure he is not well.

- **Proscribe (v)** (منع کرنا، قانون کے تحت سے خارج کر دینا) 1. To forbid or prevent someone from doing something 2. To state publicly that a person is outside the protection of law
Synonyms: Outlaw, Enjoin, Interdict
Antonyms: Sanction
1. The court has proscribed him from leaving the country till further notice, directing the police to seize his passport
- **Proselyte (n)** (نومسند، نویریہ) A person who has been brought over to a new party, opinion or esp. religious belief
Synonyms: Convert, Disciple, Novice, Neophyte, Conscript
Antonyms: Minister, Ordained, Priest
One did not have to become a proselyte in order to be accepted by God.
- **Prostrate (Adj. و ع)** (ہات پاؤں پر رکتا) 1. Stretched out full on ground, esp. in worship 2. Having lost all strength, courage and ability to act
Synonyms: 1. Prone, Horizontal, Flat, Straight 2. Drained, Exhausted, Desperate, Powerless
Antonyms: 1. vertical, Stand 2. Powerful, Vigilant
1. They reached the throne of their king, and prostrated themselves in awe and fear.
2. Rescuers found him prostrate with exhaustion and cold near the icy glacier.
- **Protean (Adj.)** (نت نئی صورت بدلنے والا) Variable, Readily assuming different shapes or forms
Synonyms: Versatile, Imposter, Adjustable, Fluctuating, Erratic
Antonyms: Uniform, Consistent, Unvarying
He is among the most protean actors in the Hollywood, having essayed a wide variety of roles including ones in which he had to play a dwarf, and another one in which he was a transvestite.
- **Protégé (n)** (کسی زیادہ طاقتور کی حفاظت میں رہنے والا شخص) Person receiving protection and support from a more powerful person
Synonyms: Dependent, Pupil, Charge, Ward
Antonyms: Manager, Guardian
After an initial period of dissonance, Jim has now been accepted by the master boxer as his protégé, and is being rigorously trained for the forthcoming championship.
- **Protocol (n)** (حفظ مراتب) Set of rules that govern proper and correct behaviour at a formal level, usu. concerning diplomatic relations between two nations
Synonyms: Etiquette, Practice, Modus Operandi, Manners
Antonyms: Crudeness, Impropropriety
In a breach of accepted protocol, the diplomat himself stepped out of the gates of the Embassy building to see of the lady.

- **Protract (v)** (دیر کرنا، ہٹانا) To prolong a stipulated time period, usu. for good reason
Synonyms: Prolong, Extend, Reschedule, Expand
Antonyms: Shorten, Curtail, Halt
After a period of protracted negotiations between the two parties which lasted for over four months, the suppliers decided to back out without giving any good reason.
- **Protrude (v)** (اُبلنے کو نکالنا، آگے کی طرف بڑھنا) Stick out, Thrust forth
Synonyms: Overhang, Project, Extend, Jut, Obtrude
Antonyms: Depress, Sink
She was very conscious of her protruding front teeth, often regretting the fact that her parents could not afford to put braces on her when she was young.
- **Provenance (n)** (منشأ، نژاد) Origin or place of origin
Synonyms: Birthplace, Derivation, Home, Inception, Source
Antonyms: Destiny, Effect, Goal
The document did not give any indication of its provenance, though we suspected that it had originated in either India or one of her neighbouring countries.
- **Providence (n)** (آل انڈیشی، خدا کی دیکھ بھال اور نگرانی اپنی مخلوقات پر) An act of God's mercy or kindness, A stroke of destiny
Synonyms: Fate, Luck, Accident, Coincidence, Fortune, Lottery,
Antonyms: Aim, Design, Plan, Scheme
My meeting with him was sheer providence – it just happened that he used to know one of my classmates, who casually mentioned my interest in this field to him one day.
- **Provident (Adj.)** (آل اندیش، محتاط) Careful and sensible in providing for future needs, esp. by saving for future use
Synonyms: Visionary, Erudite, Sagacious, Futurist, Judicious
Antonyms: Unimaginative, Docile, Bana!
Because of his limited income and the high cost of living, the young couple could not save much even though they intended to be provident and save for the future.
- **Provisional (Adj.)** (وقت، عارضی، موقت) Suitable at the moment, but likely to be changed, For the time being
Synonyms: Temporary, Interim, Impermanent, Transitory
Antonyms: Permanent, Final
The official transcript of marks has not been issued by the university as yet, so the college has agreed to give him a provisional mark sheet.
- **Provocative (Adj.)** (اشتیال انگیز) Arousing strong feelings, esp. anger or attraction
Synonyms: Instigating, Inciting, Prompting, Seditious
Antonyms: Mollifying, Appeasing, Soothing
Her wildly provocative speech was enough to send the crowds baying for the arrest of the errant official.

- **Prowess (n)** (مہارت، قابلیت) Extraordinary ability or skill
Synonyms: Dexterity, Competency, Aptitude, Proficiency, Adroitness, Expertise
Antonyms: Clumsiness, Ineptness, Gaucherie
 He was admitted to the college purely on the basis of his sporting prowess.
 — he does not have a great academic record in school.
- **Proximity (n)** (نزدیکی، قرب) Nearness in space, time etc
Synonyms: Kinship, Nearness, Closeness, Proximity, Immediacy
Antonyms: Distance, Remoteness
 With the emergence of instant communication in the form of e-mail and easy accessibility with an expanding transportation network, geographical proximity is no longer an important criterion for choosing a business associate.
- **Prude (n)** (سختی، حساس) A person who is easily shocked by anything rude, improper or indecent
Synonyms: Prim, Pedant, Stuffy, Licentious
Antonyms: Decent, Upright
 The producer of the film has described the censor board officials as a bunch of prudes, who cannot distinguish between artistic depiction of sexuality and plain vulgarity.
- **Prudent (Adj.)** (متلا، زیرک) Cautious, Careful
Synonyms: Sagacious, Discreet, Erudite, Cautious, Astute, Careful
Antonyms: Temerarious, Reckless
 It was because of their sheer carelessness that the prisoner managed to escape from the jail, the jail authorities need to be more prudent.
- **Prune (v)** (تراش، کاٹنا) Cut away, Trim
Synonyms: Shorten, Reduce, Snip, Clip, Titivate
Antonyms: Enlarge, Expand
 The long and dense bushes in the garden need to be pruned to give them a better appearance.
- **Prurient (Adj.)** (ہوس ناک، شہوت انگیز) Having or arising from lewd or sexual thoughts
Synonyms: Lascivious, Erotic, Obscene, Pornographic, Vulgar
Antonyms: Virtuous, Unblemished, Chaste
 The probe by the journalist brought to the fore certain prurient details about his personal life, causing the senator a great deal of embarrassment.
- **Pseudonym (n)** (مصنف کا فرضی نام) Fictitious name instead of the actual one, used esp. by a writer
Synonyms: Alias, Nom de plume, a.k.a., Pen name
Antonyms: Original, Genuine
 To conceal his identity, Akram Baig wrote all his poems under the pseudonym of 'Awara'.
- **Psyche (n)** (دماغ) The mind, or the deepest thoughts feelings, or beliefs of a person or a group
Synonyms: Mind, Consciousness, Mentality, Perception

- A tendency to avoid conflict is deeply embedded in the psyche of these people, hence this is a very peace-loving community.
- **Pudgy (Adj.)** (موتا اور چھڑا) Short and fat
Synonyms: Tubby, Chubby, Hefsy, Plump, Stout
Antonyms: Skinny, Slight, Thin
 The chairman of the company was a pudgy little man, very confident of himself and absolutely not conscious of his large girth.
- **Puerile (Adj.)** (بچانہ، طفلانہ) Childish, Immature
Synonyms: Juvenile, Unripe, Trifling, Silly, Irresponsible
Antonyms: Mature, Established, Grown
 I find their sense of humour extremely puerile, we used to crack these kind of jokes back when we were in high school.
- **Pugnacious (Adj.)** (لڑاکو، جھڑپاڑ) Quarrelling, Disposed to fight
Synonyms: Belligerent, Cantankerous, Bellicose, Contentious, Termagant
Antonyms: Obliging, Pacific, Calm
 Having constantly being bullied by his two elder brothers as a child, he grew up to be an extremely pugnacious teenager, as if wanting to take revenge for the insults he had suffered when he was younger.
- **Pulchritude (n)** (حسن و جمال) Beauty, esp. of a woman
Synonyms: Adorableness, Elegance, Glamour, Prettiness, Shapeliness
Antonyms: Ugliness, Indelicacy, Foulness
 The winners of international beauty pageants like Miss Universe and Miss World are increasingly being decided on the basis of the presence of minds of the finalists, rather than their pulchritude or manner or walking.
- **Pullulate (v)** (بکثرت نکل پڑنا، بھرپور طریقے سے یا جھنڈ کی شکل میں) Develop or grow in abundance
Synonyms: Teeming, Swarming, Heaving, Packed, Crawling
Antonyms: Unfilled, Vacant, Empty
 Various institutes providing courses in computers and information technology have pullulated all over the country in the past few years, however, the credibility of most of these is suspect.
- **Pulmonary (Adj.)** (پھیپھڑوں کا یا ان سے متعلق) Of, or having an effect on, the lungs
 The pulmonary artery is perhaps the most important artery in the human body, carrying oxygen-rich blood from the lungs to the heart.
- **Pulpit (n)** (منبر) The raised enclosure (in a mosque etc.) from where the speaker addresses the gathering
Synonyms: Platform, Podium, Stage, Stand, Plinth
Antonyms: Room, Door
 Even before the speaker could take his place behind the pulpit, a section of the crowd started shouting slogans against him.
- **Pulverise (v)** (پاؤدر بنانا، چٹا) Crush or grind into dust
Synonyms: Grind, Crush, Macerate, Smash, Pound, Press, Pummel
Antonyms: Construct, Create

When he learned that an important ingredient of the medicine was pulverised bone of shark, he just refused to have the medicine as he was a vegetarian.

- **Pummel (v)** (کھڑکے مارنا) Beat or pound with fists, Hit repeatedly
Synonyms: Grind, Crush, Macerate, Smash, Pound, Press, Pulverise
Antonyms: Prevent, Save
The much awaited heavyweight boxing match hardly lasted five minutes with the powerful German boxer pummelling his Swede opponent with a volley of powerful blows.
- **Punctilious (Adj.)** (پہنڈیدہ آداب و اطوار کا شائق) Laying stress on niceties of conduct or form, Minutely attentive to fine points
Synonyms: Scrupulous, Painsstaking, Assiduous, Meticulous, Conscientious
Antonyms: Careless, Slapdash, Lackadaisical
The punctilious deputy editor has done a great job with this article - it contained a number of mistakes when I read it in the morning, but they have now all been corrected.
- **Pundit (n)** (فاضل، ماہر) Authority on a subject, Learned person, Expert
Synonyms: Expert, Specialist, Authority, Analyst, Connoisseur, Boffin, Influence
Antonyms: Tyro, Novice, Apprentice, Beginner
The director of that institute is a former army major, and a defence policy pundit, so he is often called in TV news discussions on issues related to defence.
- **Pungent (Adj.)** (چھڑتا ہوا، چٹ پٹا) Biting or sharp in taste or smell, Very strongly felt and expressed
Synonyms: Caustic, Bitter, Sharp, Astringent, Vinegary, Acidic
Antonyms: Sweet, Sugary
The article is full of pungent and critical remarks about the ways in which the Indian film industry relies on the underworld for finance.
- **Punitive (Adj.)** (تادیبی، توبیخی، توبیخی) Intended as punishment, Very severe
Synonyms: Punishing, Retributive, Castigatory, Penal, Retaliatory
Antonyms: Rewarding, Satisfying, Gratifying
The principal has decided to take punitive action against the teacher who was found guilty of physically punishing the child.
- **Puny (Adj.)** (غیر، چھوٹا) Insignificant, Small and weak
Synonyms: Minor, Stunted, Scrawny, Frail, Fragile, Emaciated, Gaunt
Antonyms: Robust, Vigorous, Forceful
Though the market share of this brand of TV is still a puny 2.5%, its growth in the last two quarters has got the major players in the segment really worried.
- **Purchase (n)** (خرید، خریداری) 1. The act of buying 2. Firm grasp or footing
Synonyms: Acquire, Buy, Procure 2. Snatch, Traction, Foothold
Antonyms: Sell, Vend, Trade 2. Leave, Depart
2. The wrestler from Armenia never let his opponent from Hungary get any purchase on the bout, and comprehensively beat him within 15 minutes of the start.

- **Purgatory (n)** (تکلیف کی کوئی جگہ یا حالت) Any place
Synonyms: Affliction, Depression, Tribulation, Vexation, ...
Antonyms: Delight, Ecstasy, Exhilaration, Happiness
The parents of the child who was kidnapped for ransom have gone through purgatory for the last few days, and as of now, their ordeal seems likely to continue for some time.
- **Purge (v)** (اکسٹراکٹ کرنا) Remove or get rid of something unwanted, Free from blame or guilt, Cleanse or purify
Synonyms: Cleanse, Sluice, Eliminate, Purify, Hose, Eradicate, Abolish
Antonyms: Spoil, Pollute, Corrupt
The new police commissioner has publicly vowed to purge the city of the underworld elements, but it is not going to be an easy task.
- **Purist (n)** (خالص زبان استعمال کرنے والا) A person too careful on correctness, as in matters of language, pronunciation, heritage etc.
Synonyms: Obsessive, Punctilious, Martinet, Obfuscator, Classicist
Antonyms: Liberal, Modern, Contemporary
Purists are aghast at the mayor's decision to beautify the city by demolishing some of the old buildings.
- **Purloin (v)** (چور کرنا) To steal
Synonyms: Filch, Pilfer, Rob, Pinch
Antonyms: Give, Reimburse
The girl next who used to sit next to me at school had this most annoying habit of purloining my pencils and erasers.
- **Purport (v & n)** (دعوئی کرنا، بالخصوص مجھوتا) To claim to be, Have an appearance of being
Synonyms: Claim, Assert, Profess, Contend, Declare, Imply
Antonyms: Refute, Reject
They purport the voices on tape to be of the party treasurer and an unknown foreigner, a supplier of arms, who is trying to bribe the treasurer.
- **Purse (v)** (ہونٹ بچھلنا) To fold the lips together as an expression of disapproval
Synonyms: Squeeze, Tighten, Constrict, Tauten
Don't you have any manners, Ali, asked the teacher with pursed lips?
- **Purulent (Adj.)** (عقید بھرا) Of or containing pus
The limbs of the soldiers were full of purulent sores, but he was thankful to have survived without food or water in the harsh desert for two days.
- **Purvey (v)** (کھانے پینے کی چیزیں یا دیگر ضروریات زندگی بھیج کرنا) To supply items of use, esp. food
Synonyms: Cater, Equip, Procure, Provide, Serve, Supply, Vend
Antonyms: Purchase, Use
This group of villages has been known in the past to purvey food and essential items to army soldiers in times of war.
- **Pusillanimous (Adj.)** (کم ہمت، ڈرپوک) Weak and coward, Afraid of taking the slightest risk
Synonyms: Craven, Caitiff, Poltroon, Spineless, Coward
Antonyms: Spirited, Brave

The government of the country has been accused of being pusillanimous for refusing to send its troops to the area of conflict as part of the international army.

- **Putative (Adj.)** (نام نهاد، معروف) Commonly reputed or supposed to be
Synonyms: Accepted, Conjectural, Presumed, Suppositious
Antonyms: Proven, Real, True, Undisputed
 Though there are many stories of people having sighted the putative yeti, no concrete evidence has ever emerged of its existence.
- **Putrefy (v)** (سڑاؤ ہونا، بدبودار کرنا) To decay, Rot
Synonyms: Decompose, Fester, Spoil, Taint
Antonyms: Better, Chasten, Cleanse
 The murder had taken place nearly a month back, and the body had putrefied almost beyond recognition.
- **Prototype (n)** (اصل یا نمونہ جس پر کوئی دوسری چیز بنائی جائے) Original work used as a model by others
Synonyms: Example, Sample, Model, Archetype, Pattern
Antonyms: Replica, Copy, Imitation
 Though a prototype of this aircraft was ready nearly six years ago, it has taken a final shape only now after being put to strenuous testing.

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST

SYNONYMS

1. **Paeon**
 (a) Encomium (b) Dirge
 (c) Limerick (d) None of these
2. **Palliative**
 (a) Stimulating (b) Painkilling
 (c) Sickly (d) None of these
3. **Panoply**
 (a) Distinguished (b) Brownnose
 (c) Potpourri (d) None of these
4. **Pariah**
 (a) Preferred (b) Émigré
 (c) Limerick (d) None of these
5. **Peculate**
 (a) Reimburse (b) Monetary
 (c) Misappropriate (d) None of these
6. **Perfidious**
 (a) Treacherous (b) Loyal
 (c) Perpetual (d) None of these
7. **Pesky**
 (a) Untroubling (b) Irksome
 (c) Cynicism (d) None of these

8. **Platitude**
 (a) Cliché
 (c) Crashing
9. **Pompous**
 (a) Unassuming
 (c) Pusillanimous
10. **Precipice**
 (a) Gulley
 (c) Cliff
- (b) Coinage
 (d) None of these
- (b) Narcissistic
 (d) None of these
- (b) Spoil
 (d) None of these

ANTONYMS

11. **Painstaking**
 (a) Remiss
 (c) Stampede
12. **Palpate**
 (a) Abut
 (c) Intangible
13. **Parochial**
 (a) Outmoded
 (c) Widespread
14. **Peremptory**
 (a) Dictatorial
 (c) Moderate
15. **Phenomenal**
 (a) Unparalleled
 (c) Noncompliance
16. **Pitfall**
 (a) Advantage
 (c) Umbrage
17. **Podium**
 (a) Rostrum
 (c) Atmospheric
18. **Pounce**
 (a) Ambush
 (c) Liberate
- (b) Vigilant
 (d) None of these
- (b) Operate
 (d) None of these
- (b) Jeopardous
 (d) None of these
- (b) Lethargy
 (d) None of these
- (b) Commonplace
 (d) None of these
- (b) Entanglement
 (d) None of these
- (b) Audience
 (d) None of these
- (b) Surge
 (d) None of these

ANSWERS

1.	a	2.	b	3.	c	4.	b	5.	c
6.	a	7.	b	8.	a	9.	b	10.	c
11.	a	12.	b	13.	c	14.	c	15.	b
16.	a	17.	b	18.	c				

Q

- **Quack** (n, adj) (ڈاکٹر، ڈاکٹر) Ignorant pretender to skill esp. in medicine or surgery
Synonyms: Preenations, Phony, Pseudo, Imposter, Simulated
Antonyms: Genuine, Original, Real
 As soon as it became obvious that the person pretending to be a doctor was actually a quack, with no qualifications whatsoever, the village chased him out of the village.
- **Quadruped** (n & adj) (چهارپایہ) Four-footed animal
Synonyms: Camel, Horse, Cow
Antonyms: Birds, Fish
 The giraffe is among the tallest quadrupeds known to man.
- **Quaff** (v) (پینے کا پانی) Drink quickly
Synonyms: Imbibe, Gulp, Partake, Swig, Draught
Antonyms: Eject, Vomit
 He had quaffed three glasses of Soda Water a little too quickly, and his Rs. 5000 bel.
- **Quagmire** (n) (گڑبڑ، گڑبڑ) 1. Soft wet boggy land 2. Complex or dangerous situation from which it is difficult to free oneself
Synonyms: Swamp, Slough, Dilemma, Imbricatio, Morass, Muddle
Antonyms: Blessing, Solution, Success
 2. A number of rural poor are caught in a quagmire of deep poverty, from which it is nearly impossible for them to get out.
- **Quail** (n & v) (ڈرنا، ڈرنا) 1. A migratory bird 2. To feel or show fear or retreat away from something because of fear
Synonyms: 2. Cower, Cringe, Tremble, Blanch
Antonyms: 2. Face, Meet
 2. He was quailing with fear as the results of the exam were being put out in class.
- **Quaint** (Adj) (پُرکشش، پُرکشش) Attractive or quaint in virtue of unusual esp. old-fashioned
Synonyms: Antiquated, Baroque, Antique, Archaic
Antonyms: Conventional, Common, Usual
 His idea to use hardened paper instead of wood to make the pens seemed rather quaint at first, but he showed that it could be done as surprised everyone.
- **Qualm** (n) (گھبراہٹ، گھبراہٹ) Momentary faint or sick feeling, sickness of heart
Synonyms: Compunction, Demer, Remorse, Scruple, Twinge
Antonyms: Comfort, Contentment
 He seemed to have absolutely no qualms about stealing money from his father's wallet, something I could never have imagined.

- **Quandary** (n) (دو دلی، دو دلی) Practical dilemma, or a difficult decision
Synonyms: Dilemma, Predicament, Muddle, Pickle
Antonyms: Advantage, Certainty, Solution
 He received offers of admission from two equally well reputed universities and he is in a quandary as to which one to accept.
- **Quarantine** (n & v) (کوارنٹین، کوارنٹین) 1. Victim, Object of a hunt 2. Excavation made by person or animals to prevent spread of infection
Synonyms: Isolate, Confine, Cordon, Detach, Insulate, Segregate, Ostracise
Antonyms: Include, Incorporate, Integrate
 The two authorities have decided to quarantine the two monkeys who have been found to be infected with a deadly virus.
- **Quarry** (n & v) (کوارری، کوارری) 1. Victim, Object of a hunt 2. Excavation made by digging some for building from its bed
Synonyms: 1. Goal, Aim, Objective Quest 2. Excavation, Crater, Hole
Antonyms: 1. Ambiguity 2. Filling
 The tiger pursued its quarry until it was thoroughly exhausted, and then easily overpowered it.
- **Queasy** (Adj) (پیشانی، پیشانی) A feeling of sickness in the stomach
Synonyms: Anxious, Blinks, Nauseated, Queer, Restless, Worried
Antonyms: Comfortable, Healthy, Satisfied
 As she entered the market where meat was being sold, she started feeling queasy and expressed her desire to be excused.
- **Quell** (v) (کوارل، کوارل) Partly put an end to, Overpower
Synonyms: Suppress, Subdue, Quash
Antonyms: Foment, Encourage
 The armed forces were able to successfully quell three attempts by the separatists to capture the peak.
- **Quench** (v) (کوارش، کوارش) To satisfy thirst by having a drink (in full) (in full) To satisfy (in general)
Synonyms: Gorge, Guzzle, Satisfy
Antonyms: Crave, Want
 It has been a long time since he was a student, but his thirst for knowledge has still not been quenched.
- **Quibble** (v) (کواربل، کواربل) Complaining, Whining
Synonyms: Feign, Pindant, Curping
Antonyms: Satisfied, Amiable
 In sharp contrast to her brother who is always cheerful and friendly, she is always gloomy and querulous.
- **Query** (n & v) (کوارری، کوارری) 1. An inquiry or a question esp. expressing doubt
Synonyms: 2. Put a question
Antonyms: Doubt, Interrogation, Problem, Question, Scepticism
Synonyms: Answer, Reply
 The minister had no answer to the insistent queries of the journalists on the multi-million-dollar deal of the government, in which irregularities had been exposed.

- **Quibble** (n & v) (توتویں میں، تفرقہ بازی) Unsubstantial or purely verbal argument etc.
Synonyms: Equivocation, Prevaricate, Sophism, Elusiveness, Dissemble
Antonyms: Approve, Concur
One could quibble about a few scenes which could have been better picturised, but overall, it was a very impressive production.
- **Quiescent** (Adj.) (ساکن، غیر متحرک) Motionless, silent, dormant
Synonyms: Stationary, Inert, Inactive, Lifeless, Static
Antonyms: Active, Mobile, Energetic
After the furore over the elections and the induction of the new government, the political situation in the country is now relatively quiescent.
- **Quintessence** (n) (عت، جوہر، عرق، نچڑ) 1. The most essential part or any substance 2. A perfect example
Synonyms: Crux, Gist, Epitome, Kernel, Soul, Ultimate
Antonyms: Extra, Details
This music is quintessentially, I could make this out from a mile's distance.
- **Quip** (n & v) (جکت، طنزیہ فقرہ) An amusing and clever remark
Synonyms: Quibble, Deride, Mockery, Riposte, Satire, Witicism
Antonyms: Discussion, Talks
In one of the lighter moments in the intense discussion, the noted journalist quipped that politicians of the state seem to have a flair for getting into trouble.
- **Quirk** (n) (لغویں کا غیر پیمبر، موہ) Something strange or unexpected, or an unusual feature of someone's personality
Synonyms: Flavour, Temperament, Essence, Earmark, Coincidence
Antonyms: Regularity, Soundness
By a strange quirk of fate, this is the third time that the two of us have found ourselves travelling in the same compartment of the train.
- **Quisling** (n) (دشمن کا چاوس، غدار) Person co-operating with enemy
Synonyms: Renegade, Apostate, Turncoat, Collaborator
Antonyms: Loyal, Steadfast
The major general has denied the charges that he was a quisling in the recent war and has passed on military secrets to the enemy, saying that he is a victim of a conspiracy.
- **Quiver** (n & v) (ترس، تیر دان) 1. Case for holding arrows 2. Tremble, Shake
Synonyms: Vibrate, Tremor, Shudder, Wince
Antonyms: Static, Still
2. The hostel residents quivered with fear at the sight of the warden who was extremely strict in imposing discipline in the hostel.
- **Quixotic** (Adj.) (خیالی، فانی) Visionary Idealistic but impractical
Synonyms: Visionary, imaginative, inspired, Impractical, Lethargic
Antonyms: Practicable, Realistic
His idea of sailing around the world in a small boat is the latest addition to the series of quixotic ideas he has always been coming up with.

- **Quorum** (n) (کسی مجلس یا اجلاس کے لیے ضروری ہر) Fixed number of members necessary to conduct the meeting
Synonyms: Attendance, Legal Minimum, Plenum
The annual general meeting of the company had to be adjourned when three of the board members left and the quorum of seven people could not be reached.
- **Quotidian** (Adj. & n) (روزانہ، روزانہ) Daily, that which occurs every day
Synonyms: Ordinary, commonplace, Everyday, Trivial, Usual
Antonyms: Exciting, Unusual, Extraordinary
Listening to the news on the radio at 8 p.m. has been a part of his quotidian routine for the past several years now.

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST

SYNONYMS

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| 1. Atrocity | (b) Assiduous |
| (a) Vandalism | (d) None of these |
| (c) Pleasantness | |
| 2. Quarantine | (b) Segregate |
| (a) Incorporate | (d) None of these |
| (c) Predicament | |
| 3. Quarry | (b) Dirge |
| (a) Excavation | (d) None of these |
| (c) Aimlessness | |
| 4. Quell | (b) Foment |
| (a) Encomium | (d) None of these |
| (c) Subdue | |

ANTONYMS

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| 5. Qualm | (b) Pickle |
| (a) Compunction | (d) None of these |
| (c) Contentedness | |
| 6. Quandary | (b) Dilemma |
| (a) Certainty | (d) None of these |
| (c) Stampede | |
| 7. Quench | (b) Vigilant |
| (a) Crave | (d) None of these |
| (c) Assuage | |
| 8. Quiescent | (b) Stationary |
| (a) Energetic | (d) None of these |
| (c) Static | |

ANSWERS

1.	b	2.	a	3.	c	4.	b	5.	c
6.	b	7.	a	8.	a				

R

- **Rabble (n)** (بے نظم گروہ) A large, noisy uncontrolled group of people
Synonyms: Commonality, Crowd, Mob, Hoi Polloi, Masses, Throng
Antonyms: Decent People
 The entry of a teacher into the classroom has a miraculous effect on the class – from a disorganised rabble, it is immediately transformed into a portrait of civility.
- **Rabid (Adj.)** (دیوانہ، پاؤلا) Violent, Expressing strong feelings
Synonyms: Furious, Fanatical, Enraged, Zealous, Fuming, Passionate
Antonyms: Complacent, Satisfied, Tranquil
 The group of protestors outside the town hall was turning rabid, so the police had to fire gas shells in order to prevent the break-out of violence.
- **Raconteur (n)** (نامہ داستان گو) A person who is skilled at narrating stories, etc.
Synonyms: Narrator, Storyteller, Chatterbox, Chronicler, Fibber
Antonyms: Listener, Poet
 He not only knows hundreds of jokes but is also a skilled raconteur, he can keep you entertained for hours together.
- **Raffish (Adj.)** (بھڑک دار، بادشاہ مزاج) Disreputable
Synonyms: Tawdry, Careless, Jaunty, Tasteless, Uncouth, Vulgar, Wild
Antonyms: August, Behaved, Proper
 That part of the town is inhabited by various anti-social elements and petty criminals – because of its raffishness, most respected people hardly ever venture into the area.
- **Rail (v)** (برا بھلا کہنا) 1. To complain angrily, Use abusive language 2. To enclose, esp. using railings
Synonyms: Scold, Rant, Abuse, Attack, Castigate, Fulminate, Vituperate
Antonyms: Compliment, Praise
 The passengers in the train railed against the railway authorities for not providing adequate security measures in the train.
- **Raillery (n)** (مزاح، چھیڑ چھاڑ) Good natured joking, banter
Synonyms: Persiflage, Mockery, Jousting, Gossip, Wit
Antonyms: Argument, Disagreement, Fight
 1. His raillery proved to be a great relief to the group when they were all mourning over losing their crucial match.
 2. His raillery has always prevented his, otherwise tense relations, from being broken up.
- **Rake (n & v)** (معاشر، آوارہ، ادبаш) A person who lives an irresponsible and immoral life usu. despite being of a high social position
Synonyms: Lecher, Boor, Bounder, Louse, Rascal, Scoundrel
Antonyms: gentleman, helper

- He has been a rake all his life, but now, at the age of forty, he has become a responsible father and understands his duty towards not only his family but also the society he lives in.
- **Rally (v & n)** (مجمع اکٹھا کرنے کا عمل، جلوس) 1. A public meeting of a large group of people 2. To come together for a common cause, To get together to provide support 3. To return to a better condition 4. A car pr motorcycle race, usu. over
 - Synonyms:** Assemblage, Convention, Convocation, Pow-Wow, Session
 - Antonyms:** Disband, Scatter
 - 1. The opposition leader's election rally held in the capital yesterday attracted a huge crowd of over 200,000 people.
 - 2. To tackle the growing menace of terrorism, the Prime Minister has asked the people to rally behind the government in its battle against terrorists.
 - 3. The rupee rallied against the dollar in the second week of the month, after taking a beating of 4% during the first week.
 - **Ramble (v & n)** (مزمزمٹ کرنا) Wander aimlessly, Walk for pleasure and without definite route
Synonyms: Saunter, Wander, Stroll, Mooch
Antonyms: Stay, Sleep
 He was arrested by the Police for rambling about in the town during the Curfew.
 - **Rambunctious (Adj.)** (بے قابو، ہنگامہ خیز) Wild or uncontrollable in conduct
Synonyms: Unruly, Obstreperous, Randy, Clamorous
Antonyms: Harmonious, Genial
 Because of his rambunctious behaviour, even the doctors of the hospital are afraid to go near him to give him an injection; he is known to have bitten a nurse twice in the process of getting an injection.
 - **Ramification (n)** (نتیجہ نکالنے کا عمل) The possible results of an action
Synonyms: Divergence, Consequence, Implication, Corollary, Upshot
Antonyms: Effort, Try
 He has a very single-minded approach; I don't think he has considered all the ramifications of his decision.
 - **Ramp (n & v)** (ڈھلان) An artificial slope
 The government has directed the construction of ramps alongside the stairs at the entrance of all public buildings, to make access easy for the disabled and those on a wheelchair.
 - **Rampant (Adj.)** (بکثرت) Growing in profusion, Unrestrained
Synonyms: Prevailing, Abundant, Unchecked, Widespread, Common
Antonyms: Rare, Unusual, Uncommon
 The rampant violence has made the peaceful city a place to fear of.
 - **Ramshackle (Adj.)** (تالپدار، متزلزل، خراب) Falling apart
Synonyms: Rickety, Crumbling, Derelict, Flimsy, Shabby, Tottering
Antonyms: Good, Nice, Repaired, Stable

and it was obvious that nobody had been living there for several years now.

- **Rancid (Adj.)** (بوروکنے والا، سرائے والا) Tasting or smelling unpleasant because of being stale
Synonyms: Pungent, Rotten, Carious, Disgusting, Malodorous, Stinking
Antonyms: Perfumed, Sweet
 If you do not refrigerate these vegetables, they will turn rancid within a day and will go waste.
- **Rancour (n)** (تکلی، نفرت، تعصب) Bitterness, Hatred
Synonyms: Malevolence, Spitefulness, Wickedness, Malice
Antonyms: Benevolence, Regard
 It was very gracious of him to say that he bore no rancour against them despite being cheated by them.
- **Random (n & adj.)** (بے مقصد، بے نشان، ادھ پاشنگ) 1. Without definite purpose, Plan or aim 2. Made or done etc. at random
Synonyms: Haphazard, Adventitious, Desultory, Incidental, Unplanned
Antonyms: Contemplated, Definite, Particular
 We were surprised to see that even though the magician had picked up four cards randomly, they were all 'Kings'.
- **Rankle (v)** (تکلی یا غلظ پیدا کرنا) Irritate, Give intermittent or constant pain
Synonyms: Fester, Annoy, Irritate, Aggravate, Embitter, Vex
Antonyms: Assuage, Delight, Please
 The fact that he did not get a promotion when it was due, but his junior did, still rankles with him a lot, and he has finally decided to have a word with the company president.
- **Rant (v & n)** (زوردار آواز میں بولنا) Talk excitedly, often in a foolish or angry way
Synonyms: Rave, Yelling, Bombast, Harangue, Rhetoric, Vociferation
Antonyms: Calm, Quiet
 He has been ranting about the need to reform the institute for a long time now, not realising that no one is really interested in listening to him.
- **Rapacious (Adj.)** (لاٹچی، غارت گری کا عادی) An extortionate or covetous person subsisting on prey
Synonyms: Harpy, Predatory, Voracious, Grasping
Antonyms: Indifferent, Unenthusiastic
 In an act of rapacious greed and inhumanity, the group of ruffians started looting and plundering the houses that had been hit by the earthquake.
- **Rapport (n)** (تعلق، رابطہ) (esp. useful) communication, (harmonious) relationship, or connection
Synonyms: Equanimity, Unanimity, Concord
Antonyms: Enmity, Hostility
 The secret of this organisation's success is that its owner shares an excellent personal rapport with each of the employees, irrespective of their position in the company.

- **Rapprochement (n)** (ملاقات، معاملات) Re-establishment of harmonious relations (esp. between states)
Synonyms: Reconciliation, Cordiality, Detente, Truce
Antonyms: Disagreement, Trouble, Upset
 After a long strained relationship, the two states finally decided to come together for a rapprochement.
- **Rapt (Adj.)** (غور، متفرق، منہمک) Giving complete attention, or showing total involvement
Synonyms: Absorbed, Captivated, Spellbound, Immersed, Diluted
Antonyms: Indifferent, Apathetic, Lethargic
 While all the other children of the class were listening to the teacher with rapt attention as she gave details of the forthcoming examination, Ali was busy making a sketch on his notebook.
- **Rarefied (Adj.)** (کم آکسیجن کا حامل) With little oxygen. Also, limited
Synonyms: Cliquis, Elevated, Lofty
Antonyms: Commonplace
 As we went up the mountain, the air became more and more rarefied and it was increasingly difficult to breathe.
- **Rasp (n)** (رگڑنے یا گھسنے کی آواز) A harsh sound, as that of metal rubbing against metal
Synonyms: Abrade, Bray, Irk, Scour, Vex
Antonyms: Melody
 After pushing hard for nearly ten minutes, the creaky and rusty door finally opened with a loud rasp.
- **Ratify (v)** (توثیق کرنا، منظور کرنا) Approve formally
Synonyms: Confirm, Consent, Sanction, Endorse, Permit, Okay
Antonyms: Abrogate, Negate, Spurn
 Usman has claimed to have discovered an herb that could convert water into oil, but his discovery has not been ratified as it lacks scientific basis.
- **Rationale (n)** (جواز) Fundamental reason or justification, Grounds for an action
Synonyms: Ratiocination, Justification, Alibi, Argument, Explanation
 Most physicists across the world believe that the rationale behind using CNG kits in car is flawed as the carbon monoxide levels produced by them are almost the same as those produced by Petrol engines.
- **Rationalise (v)** (جواز پیش کرنا) 1. To give an explanation for something, usu. based on reason and logic 2. To make more effective (the functioning of a company etc.)
Synonyms: Contemplate, Deliberate, Explain, Excuse
Antonyms: Blame, Condemn, Sentence
 He tried to rationalise his failure by thinking that he did the best under the circumstances, but the disappointment of defeat continued to bother him for a long time.
- **Raucous (Adj.)** (بھرائی ہوئی یا جھپٹی ہوئی آواز) Harsh and shrill
Synonyms: Hoarse, Strident, Cacophonous, Guttural, Clamorous
Antonyms: Meek, Docile

The teacher's voice could just not be heard over the raucous shouting by the boys in the classroom.

- **Rave** (n & v) (دھت یا غے میں ہونا، پر جوش تہور) 1. Overwhelmingly favourable review 2. Wild-pleasure loving person 3. Talk wildly or furiously
Synonyms: Jabber, Babble
He raves about tiger-shooting as if he were a born hunter and has been hunting for a long time.
- **Ravenous** (Adj.) (بے حد بھوکا) Extremely hungry
Synonyms: Voracious, Rapacious, Gluttonous, Avaricious, Famished
Antonyms: Replete, Fulfilled, Satiated
The ravenous cries of the infant kept the whole family awake, but they had not even a single penny to buy milk for the baby.
- **Raze** (v) (منہدم کرنا، ہمال کرنا) Destroy completely
Synonyms: Demolish, Annihilate, Devastate, Obliterate, Bulldoze
Antonyms: Build, Construct
In order to set up a resort, the young businessman decided to raze the slum to the ground.
- **Reactionary** (Adj. & n) (رجعت پسند، کثیر کا نفیر) (Person) tending to oppose change or seeking to return to former system
Synonyms: Diehard, Conservative, Obscurantist, Orthodox, Traditional
Antonyms: Liberal, Progressive, Radical
With the success of the economic reforms, the reactionary voices opposing the reforms have been completely silenced.
- **Realm** (n) (سلطنت، مملکت) Kingdom, Field or sphere
Synonyms: Province, Domain, Empire, Monarchy, Territory, Zone
Antonyms: Outside, External, Peripheral
No one in his realm could ever raise voice against him; he was such a cruel king that he didn't even spare his brother from being beaten to death over a trivial issue.
- **Rebuff** (n & v) (دھکار دینا، انکار) 1. Rejection of one who makes advances, proffers help or sympathy, shows interest or curiosity, makes request etc 2. Give such rejection to someone
Synonyms: Denounce, Snub, Deter, Rebuke, Prevent, Spurn
Antonyms: Accept, Divulge, Confess
The executive approached the manager with a lucrative proposal but the manager rebuffed him saying that he didn't want to invest his hard-earned money in any big project.
- **Rebuke** (v & n) (سرزنش کرنا، ڈانٹ ٹیٹ) 1. Scold harshly, Criticise severely 2. Scolding or being scolded
Synonyms: Reprimand, Admonish, Chastise, Scold
Antonyms: Applaud, Eulogise
The commander rebuked the cadet for not holding the flag properly during the parade.

- **Rebuttal** (n) (غلط ثابت کرنے کا عمل، تردید) Response with contrary evidence
Synonyms: Refutation, Confutation, Rebuttal
Antonyms: Affirmation, Agreement, Approval
In an effective rebuttal of the allegations made by the opposition leader, the Prime Minister himself provided evidence in the Parliament that the allegations had been baseless.
- **Recalcitrant** (Adj. & n) (ضابطے یا اقتدار کے خلاف مزاحمت) (Person) objecting to restraint or obstinately disobedient
Synonyms: Obstinate; Obdurate, Contumacious, Fractious, Indomitable
Antonyms: Yielding, Docile, Tractable
He is among the most recalcitrant children I've ever seen, simply refusing to do anything that I ask him to do.
- **Recant** (v) (منکر ہو کر یا چھڑ دینا) Withdraw and reject (esp. opinion or statement)
Synonyms: Rescind, Countermand, Renounce, Repudiate, Disavow
Antonyms: Approve, Allow
The company chief has asked him to provide a written recantation of this earlier statement, in which he has accused the company of issuing him worthless shares.
- **Recapitulate** (v) (دہرائنا یا خلاصہ بیان کرنا) Go over main points or headings of, Go briefly through again
Synonyms: Epitomise, Paraphrase, Recap, Summarise
Antonyms: Elaborate, Explain
Just before the exam, he thought it better to recapitulate the notes he had prepared before.
- **Recast** (v & n) (دوبارہ ڈھالنا یا بنانا) Fashion again, Put into new form
Synonyms: Modernise, Overhaul, Reassemble, Rejuvenate
Antonyms: Destroy, Raze, Ruin
The sculptor was asked to recast the broken hand of the statue.
- **Receptive** (Adj.) (خیالات یا تعلیمات کو بے تامل قبول کر لینے والا) Quick or willing to receive ideas, Suggestions etc
Synonyms: Acceptant, Amenable, Observant, Responsive,
Antonyms: Preoccupied, Unfriendly, Unreceptive
A rigid mind can never be creative, whereas a receptive mind can accumulate ideas and suggestions and this is creative.
- **Recession** (n) (معاشی سرگرمی یا خوشحالی میں عارضی انحطاط) Temporary decline in economic activity or prosperity
Synonyms: Stagnation, Decline, Depression, Rainy Days
Antonyms: Boom, Prosperity
After performing remarkably well for the past six years or so, the American economy is now showing the signs of a definite recession.
- **Recidivism** (n) (مکرار جرم، مجرمانہ زندگی کی طرف موڑ) A tendency to repeat criminal acts and persistently relapse into anti-social behaviour
Synonyms: Tumble, Revert, Declension, Devolution, Downturn, Retrogression
Antonyms: Rehabilitation, Progress, Advancement

The only obstacle in the way of his success is his recidivism. During the last one year, he has been arrested four times for being involved in antisocial activities.

- **Recipient** (Adj. & n) (دوسل کتنده) 1. Receiving, Receptive 2. Person who receives something
Synonyms: Receiver, Beneficiary, Legatee, Inheritor
Antonyms: Donor, Benefactor
 All the recipients of the award were received cordially by the organisers; they were to be awarded for their overall contribution in the field of Medicine.
- **Reciprocal** (Adj. & n) (جوابی، بالوعض، بدل) In return, Expressing mutual action or relation
Synonyms: Mutual, Correlative, Identical, Common, Shared
Antonyms: Independent, Singular
 The contract clearly said that unless otherwise specified, the terms and conditions were reciprocal, equally affecting both the parties.
- **Recluse** (Adj. & n) (تبرک الدنیا شخص، گوش نشین) (Person) given to or living in isolation, esp. as religious discipline
Synonyms: Anchorite, Ascetic, Eremitic, Monk, Solitaire, Troglodyte
Antonyms: Extrovert, Gregarious
 He has lived in forests during the period of his recluse, but now he no longer wants to live isolated from the society.
- **Reconcile** (v) (تجدید تعلقات کرنا، مفاہمت نوکرا) Make friendly after estrangement
Synonyms: Settle, Reunite
Antonyms: Estrange, Dissever
 Though they had a bitter exchange of words yesterday, Sanam has somehow managed to reconcile with Babur.
- **Recondite** (Adj.) (پوشیدہ، مبہم) Not known by many people, Difficult to understand
Synonyms: Abstruse, Mysterious, Obscure, Profound, Implicit
Antonyms: Obvious, Plain, Straightforward
 In his presentation, the young scientist beautifully brought out the basic concepts and the implications of the genome project, a rather recondite subject for the common man.
- **Reconnaissance** (n) (جاسوسی) A survey, esp. a military, geological or engineering one, a preliminary survey made by anyone for any purpose
Synonyms: Reconnoitring, Scouting, Inspection, Exploration, Survey, Espionage
Antonyms: Loyalty
 The delegation is here to make a reconnaissance of the Paramilitary troops just to see how they adapt to different climatic conditions.
- **Recount** (v) (تفصیل بیان کرنا) Narrate or tell in detail
Synonyms: Describe, Account, Portray, Converse, Illustrate, Report
Antonyms: Conceal, Repress
 As I recounted the story of my life to her, it became obvious from her reactions that she was not interested, so I decided not to continue.

- **Recourse** (n) (مدد طلبنا، خاطر جانے کا عمل) Resorting to help write.
Synonyms: Aid, Appeal, Refuge, Remedy, Stopgap, Substitute
Antonyms: Trouble, Mess up
 Most constitutional experts were of the opinion that the constitutional framework of the country did not offer recourse for the unlikely political development.
- **Recreant** (Adj. & n) (زیر پایہ، بے وقار) Cowardly and unfaithful
Synonyms: Renegade, Cowardly, Dastardly, Gutless, Perfidious, Traitorous
Antonyms: Brave, Courageous, Loyal
 He has lost many friends because of his recreant nature; everybody knows that he has never helped his friends in need.
- **Recrimination** (n) (الزامی جواب، جوابی الزام) An accusation made in answer to an accusation
Synonyms: Rebuttal, Confutation, Counterclaim, Defence
Antonyms: Exculpation, Praise
 The peace talks came to an abrupt halt, and ended up being a series of accusations and recriminations.
- **Recrudescence** (n) (کسی بیماری یا زخم کا ٹھیک ہونے کے بعد دوبارہ نمود ہونا) (Of sore, disease, etc.)
 renew activity, break out again
Synonyms: Reappear, Rebound, Turn, Revive,
Antonyms: Develop, Grow, Progress
 The administration is quite perturbed about the recrudescence of communal riots in some areas of the country.
- **Rectify** (v) (کسی غلطی کو درست کرنا) Set right, Correct
Synonyms: Ameliorate, Restructure, Remodel, Improve, Upgrade
Antonyms: Err, Spoil
 It took them two months to build a working model of the project, and yet another month to rectify a small flaw which otherwise could have made the project a failure.
- **Rectitude** (n) (درستی، راست بازی) Undeviating adherence to moral correctness
Synonyms: Integrity, Graciousness, Ethics, Probity, Affability
Antonyms: Immorality, Indecency
 He leads a responsible and moral life; his rectitude cannot be challenged.
- **Recumbent** (Adj.) (غشیہ، جھکا ہوا) Leaning, lying down
Synonyms: Reclining, Decumbent, Horizontal, Prostrate, Supine
Antonyms: Upright, Vertical
 He was not in the least amused when the sleepy passenger next to him on the bus became increasingly recumbent on his shoulder, making it difficult for him to sit properly.
- **Recuperate** (v) (بیماری یا تھکن سے بحال ہو جانا) Recover, Restore from exhaustion, illness etc.
Synonyms: Ameliorate, Convalesce, Improve, Upgrade
Antonyms: Err, Spoil

He was advised to take complete bed-rest for three months, but he recuperated so soon that within a month, he started playing his favourite game.

- **Recurrent (Adj.)** (ہر بار آئے والا) Occurring again and again
Synonyms: Incessant, Pleonastic, Itinerant, Persistent, Regular
Antonyms: Infrequent, Prevented, Stopped
 When the earthquake hit the city on the first day, nobody knew that it could hit the city again, but the recurrence of the earthquake on the second and third day caused panic among the people.
- **Redolent (Adj.)** (خوشبودار، مغلط) 1. Smelling strongly 2. Reminiscent or suggestive of something
Synonyms: Odorous, Fragrant, Aromatic, Suggestive, Ambrosial, Scented
Antonyms: Fetid, Acrid, Bland
 1. The mountain air was redolent with the fresh scent of pine trees.
 2. The atmosphere in the hall during the class reunion was redolent with the memories of the times when they were all together at school.
- **Redoubtable (Adj.)** (ہریت، خوفناک) Formidable, Causing fear
Synonyms: Stalwart, Dreadful, Frightening, Terrible, Valiant
Antonyms: Excellent, Pleasant, Pleasurable
 Though he has an easy run up to the quarter finals of the Wimbledon championship, he now has to contend with the redoubtable second seed, Roger Federer.
- **Redress (v & n)** (علاجی کرنا، ٹھیک کرنا، مرہم پٹی کرنا) Reparation for wrong
Synonyms: Readjust, Atonement, Indemnity, Rectification, Remission
Antonyms: Hurt, Injury
 Though he will finally get legal redress in the case, it can in no way make up for the severe loss he has suffered.
- **Redundant (Adj.)** (غالب، کثیر) Unnecessary, Something which is no longer useful
Synonyms: Otiose, Superfluous, Surplus, Excessive
Antonyms: Shortage, Paucity, Dearth
 The reduction of prices in the modern colour TV systems has made the old black and white TV systems redundant as almost all buyers now prefer the new system.
- **Reek (v)** (ہر بو آنا، بسانا، دینا) Smell unpleasantly
Synonyms: Stink, Pong, Odour, Smack, Whiff
Antonyms: Aromatic, Fragrant
 His mouth was reeking of tobacco so badly that I could not talk to him even for a minute.
- **Refraction (n)** (روشنی کی شعاعوں کا انعطاف) Bending of a ray of light
Synonyms: Diffusion, Dispersion, Distortion, Scatter, Torsion
 Rainbow is formed by the refraction of rays by water droplets suspended in the atmosphere after a rainy day.

- **Refractory (Adj. & n)** (نابز، سرکش) 1. Impossible or difficult to control or correct 2. Substance esp. resistant to heat, corrosion etc
Synonyms: Restive, stubborn, disobedient, mulish, unruly, wilful
Antonyms: Obedient, Submissive
 1. Bringing up the child all by her herself, the lady was rather upset because of the refractory ways of her five year old, and decided to consult a child psychiatrist.
- **Refrain (v & n)** (ایستباب کرنا) 1. Abstain from doing something 2. Recurring phrase or line esp. at end of stanzas
Synonyms: 1. Abstain, Desist, Avoid 2. Chorus, Catchphrase
Antonyms: 1. Indulge, Involve 2. Individual, Sole
 He has been a chain-smoker for four years, but now he has decided to refrain from smoking.
- **Refurbish (v)** (دوبارہ چمکانا) Renovate, Make bright by polishing
Synonyms: Renovate, Mend, Overhaul, Recondition, Refresh, Revamp, Spruce
Antonyms: Destroy, Ruin, Deteriorate
 Rashid's bike was badly smashed by a car. But now it looks like a new bike and the credit goes to his mechanic who refurbished it so well.
- **Refute (v)** (غلط یا جھوٹ ثابت کرنا) To prove wrong
Synonyms: Disavow, Contest, Rebuke, Invalidate, Negate, Defy
Antonyms: Confirm, Corroborate
 The latest findings related to the human genome project have strongly refuted the earlier notion that the number of genes in the human body is many times more than that in the body of a smaller animal like a rat.
- **Regal (Adj.)** (شاہی، شاہانہ، متعلق بہ شاہ) Of or by kings
Synonyms: Royal, Ceremonial, Majestic, Imperial, Magnificent
Antonyms: Common, General
 Though he moved around and socialised with the middle class crowd, his regal attitude was a clear indication that he belonged to a royal family.
- **Regale (v)** (غافل و تواسخ کرنا) Entertain with food or with talk etc.
Synonyms: Indulge, Amuse, Entertain, Satisfy
Antonyms: Annoy, Bore
 Having spent a life full of adventure and being widely travelled, he regales his four grandchildren every evening with fascinating stories about his travels.
- **Regatta (n)** (کشتی رونی) A boat race or races
Synonyms: Boat Race, Rowing Competition, Yacht Race
Antonyms: Motor Race
 I had never seen a boat in my life before, but the very first regatta I participated in, won me the first prize.
- **Regime (n)** (مہد حکومت، راج) Method or system of government
Synonyms: Reign, Jurisdiction, Administration, Dynasty, Incumbency
Antonyms: Chaos, Coup, Insurrection

The policies made during the military governor's regime were undemocratic, so the newly elected Prime Minister decided to change them.

- **Regimen** (n) (غذائی علاج) A systematic plan, a prescribed system esp. that of a patient as prescribed by a doctor
Synonyms: Routine, Schedule, Procedure, Practice, Agenda, Timetable
Antonyms: Irregularity, Offhand
 During wars, the soldiers have to follow a strict regimen that includes getting up early in the morning and sleeping at the prescribed hours.
- **Regurgitate** (v) (رجوگالی کرنا) 1. Bring (swallowed food) back into the mouth 2. Cast out again
Synonyms: Disgorge, Vomit, Eject, Puke, Gulp
Antonyms: Swallow, Intake
 1. Some animals regurgitate their swallowed food in order to feed their young.
- **Rehabilitate** (v) (بحال کرنا) Restore to proper condition
Synonyms: Regenerate, Convalesce, Recuperate, Refurbish, Revive
Antonyms: Deteriorate, Depreciate, Worsen
 The young boys' group decided to organise a rehabilitation program for the people suffering from Leprosy, so as to place them better in the society.
- **Reimburse** (v) (واپس ادا کرنا) Repay
Synonyms: Indemnify, Remunerate, Compensate, Refund, Square
Antonyms: Deprive, Fine, Forfeit, Lose
 The government has asked the companies to reimburse the customers for the amount overcharged by them.
- **Reiterate** (v) (دہر دہر کر بیان کرنا) Say or do again or repeatedly,
Synonyms: Epitomise, Paraphrase, Repeat, Recapitulate
Antonyms: Elaborate, Explain
 1. Though he had already told the whole story to the lawyer personally, the lawyer asked him to reiterate it in the court.
 2. Despite many requests asking him to change his policies, the president has reiterated his decision to continue with the policy.
- **Rejoinder** (n) (دندان شکن جواب) Reply
Synonyms: Retort, Answer, Reply, Defence, Rebuttal, Return, Wisecrack
Antonyms: Question, Difficulty
 You cannot hope to win an argument with her, she has a ready rejoinder for almost everything.
- **Rejuvenate** (v) (دوبارہ جوان کرنا) Make young again
Synonyms: Enliven, Reinvigorate, Resuscitate, Invigorate, Refresh
Antonyms: Suffocate, Smother, Asphyxiate
 Management of corporation realised that it is important to rejuvenate the employees who lead a busy and highly stressed life, by providing them with timely vacations.

- **Relegate** (v) (تختی کر دینا، مرتبہ کم کر دینا) Banish to an inferior position
Synonyms: Expatriate, Demote, Expel, Ostracise, Remove
Antonyms: Foster, Promote, Encourage
 The film director is now fully occupied with his new project in which he is directing an international star cast, and so his earlier project which was not shaping up too well has been relegated to the backburner.
- **Relent** (v) (نرم ہونا) Become less stern, Abandon harsh intention
Synonyms: Acquiesce, Comply, Ebb, Quit, Slacken, Wane
Antonyms: Build, Increase, Rise
 Her parents were initially unwilling to let her go to the party, but ultimately relented on the condition that she would be back by eleven.
- **Relevant** (Adj.) (متعلق) Pertinent, Referring to the case in hand
Synonyms: Pertinent, Germane, Related, Connected
Antonyms: Irrelevant, Impertinent
 The points he put forth were in no way relevant to the topic, but he still continued to argue over them.
- **Relic** (n) (بقیہ، یادگار) An object, tradition, or system that has survived from the past
Synonyms: Memento, Antique, Monument, Souvenir, Trace, Vestige
Antonyms: Modern, New, Young
 The archaeologists are thrilled at having found some relics dating back to the Stone Age among the findings dug up near Teheran in Iran.
- **Relinquish** (v) (ترک کر دینا، دست بردار ہو جانا) Give up, Abandon
Synonyms: Surrender, Renounce, Abdicate, Resign, Forsake, Quit
Antonyms: Perpetuate, Persevere
 The kidnapper had been adamant all these days, but now he seems to have relinquished his plan and we hope he would surrender soon.
- **Relish** (n & v) (مزے اٹھانا، پسندیدگی، شوق) To like or enjoy
Synonyms: Savour, Happiness, Elation, Gratification, Enjoy
Antonyms: Dislike, Loathe, Aversion
 Having just bought the latest album of my favourite rock band, I relished the thought of listening to it as soon as I would reach home.
- **Remedial** (Adj.) (متعلق بہ علاج) Pertaining to something curative or corrective
Synonyms: Salutory, Alleviative, Corrective, Invigorating, Purifying, Sanative
Antonyms: Damaging, Harmful, Hurtful, Injurious
 The patient had tried almost all the remedial measures, but none could cure the disease he was suffering from.
- **Reminiscence** (n) (اپنے اسی کے تجربات کو یاد کر کے بیان کرنے کا عمل) Recollection or remembrance of past things
Synonyms: Memoirs, Nostalgia, Wistfulness, Musing, Longing
Antonyms: Amnesia, Forgetfulness, Ignorance
 Even at the age of sixty his power of reminiscence is so good that he can easily recall the incidents that took place during his childhood.

- Kemiss (Adj.)** (بے پرواہی یا فرض ناشی ظاہر کرنے والا) Careless in matters requiring attention
Synonyms: Negligent, Culpable, Delinquent, Heedless, Slapdash
Antonyms: Painstaking, Scrupulous, Thorough
 The reason he could not do well in the exam is his remissness; he has always been careless and casual in his studies.
- **Remission (n)** (معافی، عفو یا درگزر) Pardon or forgiveness, usu. for breaking religious laws or rules
Synonyms: Acquittal, Exoneration, Absolution, Forgiveness
Antonyms: Accusation, Blame
 He has now become a regular church goer, perhaps to ask for remission for having led a life of greed and corruption.
- **Remnant (n)** (باقی ماندہ) Small remaining quantity or piece or number of persons or things
Synonyms: Residue, Leftovers, Vestige, Balance, Deposit, Relics, Scrap
Antonyms: Entirety, Total, Whole
 During one of the excavations, the archaeologists found several remnants of pre-historic vessels.
- **Remonstrate (v)** (اجتہاج کرنا) Protest earnestly
Synonyms: Plead, Expostulate, Squabble, Argue, Complain
Antonyms: Submit, Yield, Agree
 A huge crowd had gathered in front of the office of the party to remonstrate against the decision of the party president to resign.
- **Remorse (n)** (ندامت، پشیمانی) 1. Bitter regret for wrong committed 2. Reluctant to inflict pain or be cruel
Synonyms: Distress, Anguish, Agony, Torment, Misery, Torture
Antonyms: Complacency, Smugness, Gratification
 Her heart was filled with remorse at having to give up her dog for adoption.
- **Remunerative (Adj.)** (قابل معاوضہ) Compensating, Rewarding
Synonyms: Lucrative, Advantageous, Beneficial, Gainful, Profitable, Useful
Antonyms: Unproductive, Unprofitable, Useless
 As soon as he came to know that the new job was more remunerative than the previous one, he quickly resigned from his previous office and joined the new one.
- **Rend (v)** (پھاڑ ڈالنا) To tear apart with violence
Synonyms: Split, Break, Rip, Rive, Sunder
Antonyms: Mend, Enjoin, Abut
 Suddenly, a loud scream of a woman in distress rent the air and broke the silence of the night.
- **Rendition (n)** (ترجمانی، ترجمہ) A performance of a play or a piece of music
 Interpretation of a piece of writing etc.
Synonyms: Explanation, Interpretation, Elucidation, Interpretation
Antonyms: Obscurity, Vagueness
 I don't like the original song as much as I like the Beatles' rendition of it.

- **Renegade (n)** (غدار، ترک حرام) A deserter, Traitor
Synonyms: Turncoat, Quisling, Collaborator, Betrayer
Antonyms: Loyal, Devoted
 The party could not believe that the man it had been relying upon for so many years could turn out to be a renegade, and desert the party.
- **Reneg (v)** (اپنی بات یا وعدے کا توڑ دینا) Fail to keep a promise or argument
Synonyms: Withdraw, Default, Reverse, Welsh, Back out
Antonyms: Keep, Maintain
 The seller made it clear that once the dealer had signed the agreement, there was no way he could renege on the deal.
- **Renounce (v & n)** (چھوڑ دینا یا ترک کر دینا) 1. Consent formally to abandon 2. Refuse to recognise any longer. 3. Refuse to resign right or position esp. as heir or trustee
Synonyms: Repudiate, Abandon, Abdicate, Relinquish, Tergiversate
Antonyms: Permit, Approve, Condone
 Accepting the train accident as his moral responsibility, the minister decided to renounce his position in the cabinet.
- **Renovate (v)** (نیا میں تبدیل کرنا) Restore to good condition
Synonyms: Reactivate, Recondition, Refurbish, Spruce, Update
Antonyms: Demolish, Destroy, Ruin
 It took seven months for the renovation of the theatre that caught fire last year, now it looks better than it used to a year ago.
- **Renown (n)** (نیک نامی، شہرت) Fame, Celebrity, High distinction
Synonyms: Eminence, Acclaim, Lustre, Prestige, Repute, Stardom, Éclat
Antonyms: Anonymity, Obscurity, Unimportance
 Winning the noble prize has made the hardly known scientist a renowned person all over the world.
- **Reparable (Adj.)** (قابل مرمت) Capable of being repaired
Synonyms: Remediable, Amendable, Curable, Rectifiable
Antonyms: Cureless, Hopeless, Incurable
 The condition of the car was so bad after the accident that it seemed impossible to repair it.
- **Repartee (n)** (ترکی بہ ترکی جواب، ماسر جوابی) Quick, amusing answers in a conversation
Synonyms: Riposte, Rejoinder, Retort, Sarcasm, Wordplay
Antonyms: Argument, Disagreement, Fight
 I loved that part of the play which had the exchange of witty of repartee between the lawyer and the witness.
- **Repast (n)** (غذا، خوراک) Meal, Feast
Synonyms: Banquet, Meal, Chow, Feast, Refreshment, Victuals
 The doctor advised him to give at least four hours of gap between any two repasts so that he doesn't complain of indigestion.
- **Repeal (v & n)** (منسوخ کرنا) to abolish, Cancel a previously valid law or regulation
Synonyms: Cancel, Abrogate, Rescind, Revocation, Withdrawal
Antonyms: Approval, Enactment, Sanction

When the government took the decision to repeal the rather antiquated Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, exporters gave a sigh of relief.

- **Repel** (v) (دھکیانا) 1. Drive away, Force something unwanted away 2. To cause strong dislike or disgust
Synonyms: Confront, Repulse, Dismiss, Duel, Parry, Resist, Traverse
Antonyms: Attract, Draw
 1. Similar poles of a magnet repel each other.
 2. I was repelled by the crass and vulgar jokes they were cracking.
- **Repercussion** (n) (کسی عمل یا واقعہ کا بالواسطہ اور بالعموم برا نتیجہ جو کچھ دیر بعد روپا لے ہو) Recoil after impact
Synonyms: Reverberation, Consequence, Impact, Reverberation
Antonyms: Cause, Reason
 He took the silly action in haste and now he is facing the repercussion of his step.
- **Repertoire** (n) (وہ فن پاسے، نئے یا گیت جنہیں عام طور پر کوئی اداکار، گلوکار یا فنکار پیش کرتا ہے) List of works of music, Drama etc.
Synonyms: Collection, Range, Repository
Antonyms: Individual Work, Unique
 Finally, the dramatist prepared a repertoire, according to which the plays were to be performed on the stage.
- **Repine** (v) (رنجیدہ ہونا، تنبیہ دینا) Be discontented
Synonyms: Fret, Bemoan, Expostulate, Groan, Refute, Yammer
Antonyms: Placate, Applaud, Praise, Sanction
 She was repined by the thought of having to stay in a small apartment when they move to the large metropolis.
- **Replenish** (v) (از سر نو بھر دینا) Fill up again
Synonyms: Inflate, Furnish, Provide, Reload, Restore, Top
Antonyms: Deplete, Waste
 The long journey without any breaks had exhausted the oil in our car, so we decided to replenish the oil tank at the first available gas station.
- **Replete** (Adj.) (لبریز، ابالاب) Filled to the brim or to the point of being stuffed
Synonyms: Lavish, Abounding, Crammed, Glutted, Plenteous, Satiated
Antonyms: Empty, Devoid, Wanting
 The comedy was replete with crass, double-meaning dialogues, and after a while it became rather distasteful.
- **Replica** (n) (کوئی نقل، نقشبانی) Copy, or duplicate of the original artist's picture etc
Synonyms: Transcript, Clone, Xerox, Imitation, Photocopy
Antonyms: Original, Genuine
 Most of the paintings that are sold on various internet auction sites are not original paintings but cheap replicas of the original.
- **Repository** (n) (خزانہ، گودام) 1. Place where things are stored or may be found, 2. Recipient of confidences or secrets
Synonyms: Coffer, Archive, Depository, Stockroom, Storehouse, Vault
 1. His library is a repository of all the information that you can possibly need on the Second World War.

- **Reprehensible** (Adj.) (قابل ملامت) Deserving blame,
Synonyms: Blameworthy, Culpable, Derelict, Amiss, Wicked
Antonyms: Creditable, Respectable
 Describing the act of the official as utterly reprehensible, the minister has stated that he will ensure that the official gets the punishment he deserves.
- **Repress** (v) (کچکا، ضبط کرنا) Restrain, Crush, Oppress, Check
Synonyms: Quell, Crush, Muffle, Quash, Smother, Subdue
Antonyms: Allow, Permit
 With great difficulty, she managed to repress her emotions for some time, but soon burst into tears when she could not contain herself any longer.
- **Reprove** (v & n) (سزا دینا، توبہ دلانی کرنا) Relief of blame, responsibility
Synonyms: Mitigation, Abatement, Absolution, Clemency, Palliation, Remission
Antonyms: Conviction, Denunciation, Doom, Sentence
 He was to be executed last month, but the execution was reprieved because of his ill-health.
- **Reprimand** (n & v) (نعت ڈالنا، ٹیپ، لعن طعن کرنا) Reprove severely
Synonyms: Admonition, Rebuke, Castigate, Chastise
Antonyms: Forgiveness, Praise, Reward
 The young executive, because of whom the deal could not be signed, was reprimanded in front of the staff by the manager.
- **Reprisal** (n) (انتقام) An act of retaliation or revenge
Synonyms: Requital, Vengeance, Avengement, Retaliation, Retribution
Antonyms: Kindness, Sympathy
 His decision to expel the official was in reprisal for the insult he had once suffered when he was a subordinate under the official.
- **Reprise** (n) (پہلے نروں یا مضمون کا اعادہ) Musical repetition, Repeat performance, Recurrent action
Synonyms: Echo, Ingeminate, Iterate, Recapitulate, Repeat
 The album ends with a reprise of the first number performed by a different set of artists.
- **Reproach** (v & n) (لعت ملامت کرنا، ڈانٹ ڈھپ) 1. Express disapproval or disappointment 2. Thing that brings disgrace or discredit
Synonyms: Censure, Reprimand, Admonition, Disgrace, Ignominy
Antonyms: Approval, Honour, Praise, Respect
 There is no need for you to reproach yourself for the accident, it was clearly not your mistake!
- **Reprobate** (Adj. & n) (اخلاق باختہ، آوارہ) A wicked, corrupt or immoral person
Synonyms: Mischreant, Scoundrel, Wanton, Lewd, Rude
Antonyms: Decent, Honest, Principled, Upright
 The old reprobate is perpetually drunk; I believe he starts to drink in the early evening and continues late into the night.
- **Reprove** (v) (مورد الزام ٹھہرانا) Scold (person conduct etc.)
Synonyms: Censure, Rebuke, Admonish, Castigate, Lambaste, Lament
Antonyms: Applaud, Approve, Commend, Praise

She gently reproved her husband for having forgotten to take the car keys yet again.

- **Repudiate** (v) (تسلیم نہ کرنا، تردید کرنا) To refuse to accept as true
Synonyms: Disown, Recant, Apostatise, Protest, Disinherit
Antonyms: Accept, Admit, Approve
 Now that the evidence has clearly surfaced implicating him, he can no longer repudiate the allegation that he accepted a bribe.
- **Repugnance** (n) (نفرت یا کینہ) A feeling of disgust, Extreme unpleasantness
Synonyms: Contrariety, Inconsistency, Aversion, Antipathy, Hostility, Revolution
Antonyms: Admiration, Esteem, Rapport, Sympathy
 The thought of cheating in an exam is hardly repugnant to most youngsters of today; given a chance, most would indulge in unfair practices in an exam.
- **Repulsion** (n) (کرات، نفرت) A reaction of disgust
Synonyms: Repugnance, Aversion, Abhorrence, Loathing
Antonyms: Lure, Appeal
 He felt a moment of repulsion when he saw the disfigured face of the child, but then was filled with sympathy.
- **Reputable** (Adj.) (مشہور، باوقار) Respectable
Synonyms: Acclaimed, Trustworthy, Esteemed, Illustrious, Renowned
Antonyms: Disreputable, Notorious, Untrustworthy
 The article has been written by one of the most reputable journalists in the country; the facts in it cannot be challenged.
- **Reputed** (Adj.) (فرض کیا ہوا) Supposed
Synonyms: Putative, Presumed, Alleged, Apparent
Antonyms: Actual, Authentic
 He is widely reputed to be a secret agent for the government, though officially, he has the job of a public relations officer in the labour department.
- **Requisite** (Adj. & n) (ضروری شے، درہاشا جو حالات کی نوعیت طلب کرے) 1. Required by circumstances, 2. Necessary requirement
Synonyms: Imperative, Indispensable, Essential, Obligatory
Antonyms: Optional, Unbinding
 It is mandatory for everyone to fill up the requisition form before borrowing a book from the library.
- **Requite** (v) (مردود، عطا کرنا) To give or do something in return for something else
Synonyms: Compensate, Reimburse, Remunerate, Indemnify
Antonyms: Dissatisfy, Refuse
 It is a mistaken belief that requited love can sustain a long-term relationship.
- **Rescind** (v) (منسوخ کر دینا) Cancel
Synonyms: Repudiate, Countermand, Nullify, Annul
Antonyms: Verify, Accept

Under severe pressure from various environmental lobbies, the government was forced to rescind its earlier decision of constructing a second dam over the river.

- **Resentment** (n) (کینہ، آزدی) Bitterness, Displeasure
Synonyms: Indignation, Acerbity, Acrimony, Exasperation, Vehemence
Antonyms: Affection, Happiness, Pleasure
 Abid was beaten by the policeman for no fault of his. When he was taken to the magistrate, his face showed the sign of sullen resentment.
- **Residue** (n) (بچا رہنے والا شے) Remainder, what is left of, remains
Synonyms: Remnant, Residue, Vestige, Leftovers
Antonyms: Base, Core
 While the useful product was taken out and kept in the container, the residue was thrown into the dustbin.
- **Resigned** (Adj.) (راضی رہنا، قائل) Accepting one's fate, Patiently submissive
Synonyms: Quiescent, Tranquil, Enduring, Passive, Biddable, Unassertive
Antonyms: Intolerant, Fanatical
 Realising that he could not win the argument with his son, he retired to his room with a resigned look on his face.
- **Resilient** (Adj.) (چکڑدار) Having the power of springing back
Synonyms: Elastic, Airy, Buoyant, Effervescent, Volatile
Antonyms: Rigid, Inflexible
 Her power of resilience is amazing; she has often tided over periods of uncertainty and adversity without showing signs of flinching.
- **Resolution** (n) (قرارداد، عزم و استقلال) 1. Intentions that one formulates mentally for boldness and firmness of purpose, 2. Separation into parts, 3. Determination
Synonyms: Tenacity, Fortitude, Doggedness, Stamina
Antonyms: Vacillation, Irresolution
 1. He has prepared his list of New Year resolutions, and like each year, quitting smoking is at the top of the list.
 2. He devised a computer program which demonstrated the resolution of a chemical compound into various elements by the actions of heat, pressure, and other chemicals.
- **Resonant** (Adj. & n) (گوشتار) Echoing, Resounding, continuing to sound
Synonyms: Sepulchral, Reverberating, Electrifying, Pulsating, Thunderous
Antonyms: Faint, Quiet
 As soon as he addressed the audience in his deep and resonant voice, a hush descended on the entire hall.
- **Respite** (n & v) (وقف برائے آرام) 1. Interval of rest or relief 2. Delay permitted in the discharge of an obligation or suffering of a penalty 3. Grant respite to
Synonyms: Cessation, Hiatus, Termination, Interruption, Pause
Antonyms: Continuity, Stability
 The power came back soon afterwards, but there was still no respite from the intense heat.

- **Resplendent (Adj.)** (بہت روشن) Dazzlingly or gloriously bright
Synonyms: Astounding, Splendid, Brilliant
Antonyms: Humiliating, Ignominious
 To welcome the newly crowned Olympic hero, the airport was resplendent with bright lighting and decoration.
- **Responsiveness (n)** (جلدی سے رد عمل ظاہر کرنا) State of reacting readily to appeals, orders etc.
Synonyms: Openness, Impartiality, Interest, Observance, Tolerance
Antonyms: Obstruction, Prevention, Stoppage
 Despite his heavy workload, he amazed us by his responsiveness to our queries.
- **Restitution (n)** (اپنی یا اصل حالت یا مرتبہ پر بحال) Restoring or of thing to proper owner
Synonyms: Reparation, Indemnification, Compensation, Reimbursement
Antonyms: Dissatisfaction, Penalty, Taking
 They made restitution for the damage to the car but never fully regained the friendship of its owner.
- **Restive (Adj.)** (بے چین) Restless and uneasy
Synonyms: Unruly, Refractory, Boisterous; Wayward, Rowdy; Intractable
Antonyms: Patient, Complacent
 The audience was getting restive as the curtain did not rise even twenty minutes after the stipulated time.
- **Restraint (n)** (خودنکشی) Self-control, Any controlling force or restriction
Synonyms: Abstemiousness, Compulsion, Forbearance, Silence, Withholding
Antonyms: Agitation, Arousal, Wildness
 Despite being provoked many times by the enemy, the Government displayed extraordinary restraint and maturity by not initiating a war.
- **Resumption (n)** (دوبارہ قبضہ، دوبارہ حصول) Taking up again, Beginning after a pause
Synonyms: Awakening, Continuation, Refilling, Resurgence, Stimulation
Antonyms: Effete, Exhaustion, Impoverishment
 We were waiting for the resumption of the film after the interval, when a loud explosion was heard from the lobby of the cinema theatre.
- **Resurgence (n)** (ختم ہونے کے بعد دوبارہ کسی سرگرمی کا عود آنا) Revival of ideas, beliefs etc to an active state after a period of inactivity
Synonyms: Awakening, Continuation, Refilling, Resurgence, Stimulation
Antonyms: Destruction, Exhaustion, Impoverishment
 Despite the British government being so rigid and powerful against the mutiny in 1857, able national heroes like Quaid-e-Azam led the resurgence of the independent Movement in early 1900's.
- **Resurrect (v)** (پھر سے عمل میں لانا یا دستور العمل بنالینا) To bring back into use, existence or fashion
Synonyms: Revive, Resuscitate, Animate, Encourage, Enkindle, Restore
Antonyms: Destroy, Kill, Suppress

- The books and writings of Hitler are still kept in a guarded safe in Germany, as the government fears that the spread of these writings may lead to the resurrection of Nazism in Germany.
- **Resuscitate (v)** (دوبارہ زندہ کرنا) To bring back to life
Synonyms: Revive, Animate, Encourage, Enkindle, Invigorate, Restore
Antonyms: Destroy, Kill, Suppress
 For a moment it seemed that his heartbeat had stopped, but the doctors managed to miraculously resuscitate him.
 - **Retaliation (n)** (جوابی حملہ) A revengeful measure, An action in response to a previous (usu. hurting) action
Synonyms: Requital, Vengeance, Reprisal, Retribution
Antonyms: Yielding, Depression
 When Iraq burnt the Iranian oil fields in 1981, Iran bombed the major cities of Iraq in retaliation.
 - **Retentive (Adj.)** (حافظے کی زبردست قوت کا مالک) Able to hold things (esp., in the mind), Not forgetful
Synonyms: Absorptive, Bibulous, Imbibing, Pregnable, Thirsty
Antonyms: Impermeable, Solid
 His high scores in subjects like history is because of his excellent retention capacity. Most people require at least five revisions for a chapter which he manages to remember in two.
 - **Reticent (Adj.)** (خاموش طبع، کم سخن) Shy and reserved, Not expressing as much as is known or felt
Synonyms: Bashful, Demure, Timid
Antonyms: Voluble, Vociferous
 His promotion surprised all as his reticent attitude was considered by most as incompetence.
 - **Retinue (n)** (کسی اہم یا نمایاں شخصیت کے ملازمین) A group of followers and attendants accompanying an important person
Synonyms: Assemblage, Corps, Entourage, Cortege, Procession
Antonyms: Leader, Principal
 The king arrived in the town with his huge retinue of elephants, horse riders and several marching soldiers.
 - **Retort (n)** (ایک فوری، برہم یا مزاحیہ جواب) Quick sharp reply, often rude
Synonyms: Riposte, Repartee, Antiphon, Wisecrack
Antonyms: Question, Request
 When asked whether he would be moving to Amsterdam for his new job, he retorted that it was none of his business.
 - **Retract (v)** (اپنے الفاظ واپس لینا) Withdraw, Take back one's words etc.
Synonyms: Annul, Counteract, Negate, Eat one's words
Antonyms: Claim, Maintain, Spew
 In a war, steps are usually taken after careful planning and discussion as it is difficult to retract once a step is taken.
 - **Retrench (v)** (اخراجات کم کرنا) Economise, Cut down expenses
Synonyms: Abridge, Curtail, Diminish, Eliminate, Save, Slash
Antonyms: Augment, Increase

Alarmed by the continuous loss of profits, most big banks are taking major retrenchment steps like offering voluntary retirement schemes to its employees.

- **Retribution (n)** (پاداش، عتاب) A deserved punishment for wrongdoings
Synonyms: Penalty, Chastisement, Avengement, Comeuppance, Vengeance
Antonyms: Forgiveness, Pardon, Sympathy
Most people considered his illness as divine retribution for a life of crime.
- **Retrieve (v)** (پھر سے حاصل کر لینا) Recover, Find and bring in, Regain possession of
Synonyms: Reacquire, Redeem, Restore, Salvage
Antonyms: Give, Offer, Relinquish
Despite being a computer expert, he was unable to retrieve the important data from the now dysfunctional computer.
- **Retroactive (Adj.)** (ماضی سے متعلق) Having an effect on the past as well as on the future
Synonyms: Retrospective, Ex, Post facto,
The government announced that the new legislation would come into effect retroactively, from April 1, 2000.
- **Retrogress (v)** (پچھ کی طرف رواں ہونا) To go back to an earlier and worse state
Synonyms: Lapse, Fall Back, Regress, Degenerate
Antonyms: Progress, Foster, Develop
Under his abject leadership, the state has retrogressed into a condition of utter chaos and anarchy.
- **Retrospective (Adj.)** (ماضی کا، ماضی پہ منطبق ہونے والا) Looking back on the past
Applying to the past
Synonyms: Backward, Remembering, Retroactive, Reviewing
Antonyms: Neglect
When we look back in retrospection, we realise that we had made many mistakes which could have been avoided.
- **Revelry (n)** (رنگ و رلیاں) Wild and noisy merry-making
Synonyms: Bacchanalia, Carousal, Celebrations, Merriment
Antonyms: Mourning, Sadness, Sobriety
The team was so thrilled on winning the match that they indulged in revelry all through the night.
- **Reverent (Adj.)** (محترم، عزت سے پیش آنے والا) Respectful, Showing great admiration and respect
Synonyms: Devout, Solemn, Committed, Staunch
Antonyms: Flippant, Frivolous
The charisma and good will of the great leader is evident from the reverence shown by his disciples.
- **Reverie (n)** (خیالی اور شیرین) Day dream, dreaming pleasant thoughts while being awake
Synonyms: Cogitation, Daydream, Fantasy, Pensiveness, Woolgathering
Antonyms: Reality, Genuineness
He was in one of his usual reverie when my phone call reminded him of the realities and the problems that he was facing.

- **Revert (v)** (واپس آ جانا یا ملت آنا) To go back to something, reconsider
Synonyms: Recur, Backslide, Degenerate, Inverse
Antonyms: Develop, Grow, Progress
Unable to generate any profits from the newly developed marketing plan, the management decided to revert to the old, tried-and-tested plan
- **Reville (v)** (زبان درازی کرنا، دڑھائی کرنا) To criticise severely, express one's disapproval about someone or something in strong language
Synonyms: Vituperate, Vilify, Censure, Berate, Disparage
Antonyms: Praise, Laud, Eulogise
The politicians tainted in the latest scandal to hit the Indian political scene have been widely reviled by the public as well as the press.
- **Revivify (v)** (نئی زندگی یا قوت بخشنا) Restore to strength, life or activity
Synonyms: Revive, Resuscitate, Revitalise, Save, Enliven, Perk up
Antonyms: Asphyxiate, Suffocate
After being down in the dumps for nearly seven years, his cricketing career was suddenly revived when he got a call from the selection authorities to play for the country once again.
- **Revoke (v)** (منسوخ کر دینا) Cancel, To put an end to
Synonyms: Retract, Rescind, Repeal, Annul
Antonyms: Validate, Renew
On being informed of the large scale misuse of the newly framed policy, the minister decided to revoke the policy.
- **Revulsion (n)** (نفرت، حسرت) A feeling of being deeply shocked and revolted
Synonyms: Gorge, Abhorrence, Abomination, Aversion, Loathing, Repugnance
Antonyms: Liking, Loving, Reverence
He was treated so badly by his employer that a feeling of revulsion was expected though nobody could have imagined that it would lead to such extreme steps.
- **Rhapsodise (v)** (جذباتی انداز میں گفتگو کرنا) To speak or write in an overly enthusiastic manner, Express great excitement or approval
Synonyms: Babble, Bloviate, Declaim, Harangue, Jabber, Wander
Antonyms: Denounce, Discourage
He rhapsodised about his meeting with the superstar actor when he won a competition that made the meeting possible.
- **Rhetoric (n)** (فنی خطابت، مبالغہ آمیز تقریر و تحریر) Art of communicating in a way that persuades or influence people. Also, the words used for such communication
Synonyms: Eloquence, Pomposity, Flatulence, Loquaciousness
Antonyms: Conciseness, Silence
Unlike in the past, the general public is no longer swayed by mere rhetoric from the politicians asking for votes, and expects them to perform.
- **Ribald (Adj.)** (گستاخانہ مزاحیہ یا طعنیہ) Rudely humorous in an insensitive, and often indecent, way
Synonyms: Blasphemous, Scurrilous, Risqué
Antonyms: Decorous, Virtuous, Refined

The theatrical troupe visiting the village is known for its ribald and earthy sense of humour, and hence its shows are a big hit with the rustic rural populace.

- **Riddle** (ن) (کی چیز میں بہت سے سوراخ کر دینا) Pierce with holes, Permeate or spread throughout
Synonyms: Bore, Corrupt, Impair, Infest, Mar, Pit, Puncture, Spoil
Antonyms: Improvement, Profit
 The chemical reactor had a riddled membrane inside to allow small particles and moisture to pass through it.
- **Rider** (ن) (مزید قلم) Amendment or clause added to an official declaration or judgement
Synonyms: Modification, Addendum, Clarification, Modification, Revision
Antonyms: Corrigendum
 The stock option plan for the employees came with the rider that the employee had to complete four years of service with the company in order to encash the stocks.
- **Rife** (Adj.) (عام، سرحد) Of something widespread and common (usu. something bad)
Synonyms: Epidemic, Common, Frequent, Prevalent, Rampant
Antonyms: Low, Scarce
 Despite the excellent medical facilities, the city was rife with disease because of poor hygienic and sanitary conditions.
- **Rift** (ن) (درز، شکاف) Gap, Narrow opening
Synonyms: Cleft, Fissure, Breach, Space, Split
Antonyms: Closing, Shutting
 The earthquake created a rift in the mountain which served as an ideal gateway for people to travel to places on the other side of the mountain.
- **Rigid** (Adj.) (کڑھ، سخت، غیر لچکدار) Stiff and unyielding, Strict, Hard and unbending
Synonyms: Unyielding, Adamant, Stubborn, Intransigent, Obstinate
Antonyms: Bending, Limber, Yielding
 Despite the miserable results of his decisions, the captain of the team is still rigid over his policies.
- **Rigorous** (Adj.) (باشقشت) 1. Careful, thorough, and exact 2. Severe, Harsh, Demanding
Synonyms: 1. Austere, Meticulous 2. Dogmatic, Intemperate, Stringent
Antonyms: 1. careless, faulty 2. Lenient, Loose, Mild
 1. The importers in US are so conscious about the quality of goods that they send their experts all over the world for rigorous inspection of the goods before importing them.
 2. To qualify for a US Commando Cop, the candidates have to go through such a rigorous training that more than eighty percent of them drop out before the completion of the course.
- **Rile** (ن) (غصہ دلانا، تباہ کرنا) To annoy and irritate
Synonyms: Acerbate, Vex, Annoy, Irritate, Peeve

The uncaring and rude manner of the salesman in dealing with the customers riled the customers no end and some of them decided to complain to the store manager.

- **Riposte** (ن) (ترکیبہ ترکی جواب) Quick and witty reply, often unfriendly
Synonyms: Retort, Repartee, Sally, Manoeuvre, Return, Thrust
Antonyms: Question, Request
 You can't win by answering back at her -- she's too sharp and biting in her riposte.
- **Risible** (Adj.) (تہق زانی کے قابل) Laughable
Synonyms: Ludicrous, Mediocre, Derisory, Ridiculous, Pathetic
Antonyms: Sober, Praiseworthy, Laudable
 The attempts of the screen actress to host a TV quiz show were utterly risible -- her inept handling of the show made her a laughing stock of the people.
- **Risque** (Adj.) (لگ بھگ نامناسب) Mildly indecent, bordering on impropriety
Synonyms: Ribald, Loutish, Vulgar, Uncouth, Lewd, Boorish
Antonyms: Decorous, Virtuous
 He had a rather risqué manner of narrating the incidents, even though the incidents themselves were not really indecent.
- **Riven** (Adj.) (بکھوٹ پڑنے کے باعث بٹنے والے) Split violently apart
Synonyms: Divide, Frazzle, Gash, Lacerate, Mutilate, Wrench
Antonyms: Join, Meld, Unite
 The new TV soap opera traces the story of two business families driven by jealousy and hatred.
- **Riveting** (Adj.) (کامل طور پر توجہ حاصل کر لینے والی) Absorbing, Engrossing, Holding one's attention
Synonyms: Absorbing, Alluring, Bewitching, Enchanting, Spellbinding
Antonyms: Boring, Irksome
 The Austria vs. Romania football match telecast on TV last night made for riveting viewing; the two teams were tied at 2-2 till the final moments of the game when the Romanians struck the decisive goal.
- **Rivulet** (ن) (نہری، تال) Small stream
Synonyms: Tributary, Estuary, Channel, Stream
Antonyms: Sea, River
 The intense heat and the pressure of the examination made rivulets of sweat running down his face and neck.
- **Robust** (Adj.) (بہت طاقتور) Strong, Not slender or delicate. Also, forceful and effective
Synonyms: Vigorous, Athletic, Boisterous, Lusty, Muscular, Snappy, Zippy
Antonyms: Sickly, Flabby, Unhealthy
 1. To tackle the bad road conditions, Fiat has come out with a new robust suspension, which can handle the pot holes without any damage.
 2. None, but only a giant could move his robust body.

- **Rodomontade** (n) (بھڑکائی، بھڑکائی) Bragging, Boastful talk or behaviour
Synonyms: Braggadocio, Exaggeration, Bombast, Grandiloquence, Rant
Antonyms: Reduction, Understatement
 We were thoroughly bored with his endless rodomontade about his exploits when he was in Canada – and he never realised that his boastful talk was making him a laughing stock of the people.
- **Rollicking** (Adj.) (خوش باش) Noisy and merry
Synonyms: Boisterous, Cheerful, Devil-May-Care, Exuberant, Romping
Antonyms: Serious, Glum
 Despite the warden's warnings, the students showed no intention of getting out of their rollicking mood and putting an end to the party.
- **Romp** (v & n) (شورو دل چاکر کھیلنا) To play noisily and roughly with lots of running and jumping
Synonyms: Frolic, Rollick, escapade, frolic, gambol, sport
Antonyms: Seriousness
 After the picnic, the kids were still in their merry mood when they romped home.
- **Rosary** (n) (تہجد) A string of beads used for counting prayers
Synonyms: Wreath, Band, Circle, Coronet, Garland, Necklace
Antonyms: Rope
 A noble looking person opened the door, and I could make out that he was a religious person as he had a rosary in his hand and was saying his prayers under his breath.
- **Roster** (n) (فہرست بہ ترتیب فرائض منشی) List or plan showing turns of duty for individuals or companies
Synonyms: Catalogue, Agenda, Index, Listing, Programme
Antonyms: Disorganisation
 The personnel manager has asked for the attendance roster of all the people in the finance department.
- **Rostrum** (n) (منبر، ڈاکٹر، چوڑا) Platform for speech-making or for a music conductor to conduct the orchestra
Synonyms: Pulpit, Platform, Dais, Lectern, Podium
Antonyms: Room, Arena
 As the master composer stood up to take his place on the rostrum, a hush descended on the large crowd gathered to see him perform.
- **Rote** (n) (رتا) Repetition, Learning by memory rather than by understanding
Synonyms: Learning, Memorisation, Repetition, Routine
Antonyms: Neglect, Forget
 Most students feel that subjects like History do not need any understanding and that they have to be learnt by rote.
- **Rotund** (Adj.) (گول اور گداز) Fat and round
Synonyms: Spherical, Elephantine, Plump, Roly-Poly, Stout
Antonyms: Slim, Thin

- He is absolutely not conscious about his rotund figure, though children sometimes snigger at him behind his back for being so fat.
- **Rousing** (Adj.) (تہلکائی) Lively, Stirring, That makes people excited and eager
Synonyms: Animated, Bustling, Energetic, Frisky, Vigorous, Zippy
Antonyms: Dull, Apathetic
 On completion of his excellent speech, Stephen Hawking was rightly given a rousing ovation by the thrilled crowd.
 - **Rout** (v & n) (جیت کر ہٹا کر مار ڈالنا) To defeat completely and drive away
Synonyms: Vanquish, Clobbering, Drubbing, Shambles, Thrashing, Waxing
Antonyms: Triumph, Conquest
 The enemy was routed so badly by our brave soldiers that they would never think of an attack again.
 - 1. The enemy was routed so badly by our brave soldiers that they would never think of an attack again.
 - 2. The planned strategy and superior strength of our army led to the rout of the enemy.
 - **Rubble** (n) (کھنڈے، کھنڈے) Broken fragments of a constructed building that has been demolished or destroyed
Synonyms: Remains, Brash, Debris, Wreckage
Antonyms: Building
 The devastating earthquake in Azad Kashmir reduced all the big multi-story buildings and small slum houses like rubble.
 - **Rubric** (n) (کتاب یا اساتذہ پر پے میں دی گئی ہدایات) A set of rules or explanations in an examination paper or a book, Instructions
Synonyms: Rule, Dictum, Normalcy, Policy, Procedure, Regulation
 The rubric was printed in a very small font, and I had difficulty reading and following the instructions.
 - **Ruckus** (n) (شورو شرما) A noisy and confusing situation, A scene of heated argument
Synonyms: Rumpus, Hullabaloo, Fisticuffs, Hubbub, Upheaval, Uproar
Antonyms: Concord, Harmony, Peace
 The ruckus created by the accident led to a major traffic jam, which lasted for quite a few hours.
 - **Ruddy** (Adj.) (سرخ رنگ کا) Reddish, Having a healthy red colour
Synonyms: Florid, Rubicund, Blushing, Glowing, Flushed
Antonyms: Pallid, Sallow
 The teenager had a ruddy and healthy look about her, and I could make out that she came from a good family.
 - **Rudimentary** (Adj.) (نہادی، ابتدائی) Not developed, Elementary, At the simplest level
Synonyms: Elementary, Primary, Plain, Crucial
Antonyms: Developed, Advanced
 The first wheel created in the early 14th century was quite rudimentary and limited in its functionality.
 - **Rue** (v) (پچھتانا، کف، فحسوس مانا) To be very sorry about, Regret, Mourn, Repent
Synonyms: Lament, Apologise, Deplore, Grieve, Bemoan
Antonyms: Gloat, Wallow

- I still rue the day I took the decision to join this company – at that time, I had the choice of joining the other, now more successful, company.
- **Ruffian (n) (دشمن)** An unpleasant and violent man, Bully, Scoundrel
Synonyms: Barbarian, Hoodlum, Delinquent, Goon, Mobster, Troublemaker
Antonyms: Gentleman, Humanitarian
 Troubled by the increasing crime in the area, the society has decided to get rid of the local ruffians, who they feel are responsible for the problems.
 - **Ruffle (v) (لہجہ خراب کرنا)** To disturb peace, Trouble or upset
Synonyms: Torment, Annoy, Cockle, Confuse, Dishevel, Rumble
Antonyms: Calm, Soothe, Smooth
 The antisocial elements tried to ruffle the tranquillity of the monastery by dividing the inhabitants on the basis of their origin.
 - **Ruminate (v) (خود دگر کرنا، چکی کرنا)** 1. To think deeply and over a period of time
 2. Chew over and over (of cattle etc.)
Synonyms: Ponder, Mull, cogitate, Deliberate, Meditate, Ponder, Weigh
Antonyms: Ignore, Neglect
 The candidate said that he would need some time to ruminate over the job offer and requested the company personnel manager to wait for his response.
 - **Rummage (v & n) (تھمنا)** Ransack, Thoroughly search
Synonyms: Disarrange, Forage, Jumble, Poke, Shake
Antonyms: Order, Organise
 I thoroughly rummaged through my room to find the missing key, but there was no sign of it.
 - **Rumpus (n) (دنگنا، جھگڑا)** Angry dispute, Brawl
Synonyms: Uproar, Ruckus, Shemuzzle
Antonyms: Peace, Truce
 At least five people were seriously injured last night in a rumpus between two gangs.
 - **Rupture: (v & n) (ٹوٹنے یا پھٹ جانے کا عمل)** To break or burst, Develop a tear
Synonyms: Break, Crack, Shatter, Fracture, Explode, Gash
Antonyms: Stitch, Baste
 He had been complaining of severe pain in his knee for some time now, and the doctor diagnosed it as ruptured ligament.
 - **Ruse (Adj.) (دشمنی، جھوٹ)** Trick to deceive an opponent
Synonyms: Stratagem, Artifice, Curveball, Deceit, Gimmick, Stunt
Antonyms: Openness, Reality, Sincerity, Truthfulness
 The Trojan Horse was a ruse developed by the King's strategists to trick the enemy into letting their soldiers inside their kingdom.
 - **Russet (Adj. & n) (سرخ یا مکھڑا رنگ)** Of a reddish-brown or golden-brown colour
Synonyms: Burnished, Copper, Rust, Tawny, Titian
Antonyms: White, Black
 The maple trees that dotted the park had shed most of their russet leaves, and the entire park had a reddish-brown look to it.

- **Rustic (Adj.) (دیہاتی)** Pertaining to the village or rural people, Having a simple and unspoiled character
Synonyms: Rural, Pastoral, Agrarian, Bucolic, Idyllic
Antonyms: Urban, Sophisticated
 Though he shifted from village to the town four years ago, but even now his accent clearly shows his rusticity.
- **Rustle (v & n) (سرسراہٹ پیدا کرنا)** To make slight sounds like paper, dry leaves etc. moving or being rubbed together
Synonyms: Murmur, Whisper, Sigh
Antonyms: Silence, Quiet
 Even though we could not see the snake in the garden, we could hear it rustling in the grass.
- **Ruthless (Adj.) (عالمیہ، بے رحم)** Pitiless, Cruel, Showing no mercy
Synonyms: Savage, Virulent, Unrelenting
Antonyms: Merciful, Benefactor
 The ruthless supervisor never stopped searching for tiny or unhelpful answers.

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST

SYNONYMS

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| 1. Renegade | (b) Devoted |
| (a) Unneeded | (d) None of these |
| (c) Betrayer | |
| 2. Rectitude | (b) Graciousness |
| (a) Indecency | (d) None of these |
| (c) Tranquil | |
| 3. Revivify | (b) Suffocate |
| (a) Perk up | (d) None of these |
| (c) Retrospective | |
| 4. Revulsion | (b) Liking |
| (a) Repugnance | (d) None of these |
| (c) Intake | |
| 5. Recurrent | (b) Segregate |
| (a) Incorporate | (d) None of these |
| (c) Predicament | |
| 6. Rebuff | (b) Divulge |
| (a) Snub | (d) None of these |
| (c) Monarchy | |
| 7. Renown | (b) Eminence |
| (a) Unimportance | (d) None of these |
| (c) Spruce | |
| 8. Repugnance | (b) Inconsistency |
| (a) Sympathy | (d) None of these |
| (c) Disinherit | |

- ## ANTONYMS

ANSWERS									
1.	c	2.	b	3.	a	4.	a	5.	d
6.	a	7.	b	8.	b	9.	a	10.	c
11.	b	12.	a	13.	a	14.	b	15.	c
16.	d	17.	c	18.	c	19.	b	20.	a

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Segment (Adj.) (فطر حرکت نہ ہونے والا) Motionless, Dull, Not moving or progressing
 Synonyms: Quiescent, Torpid, Phlegmatic

Stagnant (Adj.) (پانی کا جمنا) The health authorities have warned the people not to let stagnant water gather in their premises, as such water pools are fertile grounds for mosquitoes to breed.

Sabotage (v & n) (دشمن کے منصوبے کو کامیاب نہ ہونے دینا، سبوت کرنا) To intentionally damage / destroying
 prevent the success of an enemy's plan by damaging / destroying
 buildings or equipment
 Synonyms: Thwart, Block, Disrupt, Frustrate, Subvert, Vandalise, Wreck
 Antonyms: Avert, Aid, Help
 This is the third attempt by the terrorists to sabotage the nuclear power plant; this time they almost succeeded.

Sabulous (Adj.) (رت والا) Sandy, Full of sand
 Synonyms: Granular, Abrasive, Crumbly, Friable, Lumpy, Scratchy
 Antonyms: Fine, Smooth
 He had been playing in the mud since morning, and when he returned home with his sabulous clothes, his mother scolded him.

Saccharine (Adj.) (مٹھاس والا، میٹھین) Unpleasantly sweet, Too polite
 Synonyms: Luscious, Candied, Cloying, Honeyed, Ingratiating, Sentimental
 Antonyms: Bitter, Acerbic
 Most films are far removed from reality – they are either grotesquely violent or unnaturally saccharine.

Sacerdotal (Adj.) (پادریانہ، پادریوں یا علمائے متعلق) Of or pertaining to priests
 Synonyms: Religious, Apostolic, Ministerial, Priestly, Sacred
 Antonyms: Atheistic, Irreligious
 Sacerdotal duties are the spirituality-related work tasks performed by clergy.

Sacrilegious (Adj.) (جسے حرمتی کہاجے اور الی کام کرکے) Disrespectful towards holy places or objects. Any disrespectful act towards something revered
 Synonyms: Blasphemous, Irreverent, Impious, Profane
 Antonyms: Religious, Reverent
 It is sacrilegious to enter in a mosque with shoes on.

Sacrosanct (Adj.) (مقدس، تبرک) Most sacred or revered, and hence not to be harmed (often used humorously)
 Synonyms: Consecrated, Venerated, Holy, Sanctified
 Antonyms: Cursed, Condemned
 He is willing to put in late hours of work on weekdays
 sacrosanct for him – don't expect him to

- **Sadist (n)** (ایذا پسند) Someone who gains pleasure from cruelty or by causing pain to others
Synonyms: Beast, Cannibal, Devil, Fiend, Monster, Savage
Antonyms: Kind, Philanthropist
 The sadistic person needs his object just as much as the masochistic needs his.
- **Saga (n)** (دستان، قصہ) A descriptive tale about a particular place, time in history, group of people etc.
Synonyms: Legend, Adventure, Chronicle, Narrative, Tale, Yarn
Antonyms: Short Story, Fiction
 His eyes were filled with tears when he heard the saga of the children who had drowned in the mill pond on the fateful night of fifth November.
- **Sagacious (Adj.)** (ساجد، فہم، زیرک) Wise, Showing great understanding or judgement
Synonyms: Sapient, Astute, Insightful, Perceptive, Insightful, Prudent
Antonyms: Stupid, Foolish, Ignorant
 He is well known for his sagacity; people come to him even from faraway places to solve all their disputes.
- **Salacious (Adj.)** (شہوانی، شہوت انگیز) Causing strong sexual feelings in an unpleasant or shocking way
Synonyms: Obscene, Lascivious, Pornographic
Antonyms: Uninteresting, Lacklustre
 Perturbed by increasing instances of ruffians passing salacious comments to the passing college girls near the college gate, the principal decided to call the police.
- **Salamander (n)** (آگ کے اندر رہنے والی فرضی مخلوق) A kind of long tailed amphibian (belonging to the lizard family). Also, a person who can endure great heat. Because of Global warming, it is evident that the time will come when only a salamander, which can endure great heat, would be able to survive.
- **Salient (Adj.)** (نمایاں) Standing out most noticeably or importantly
Synonyms: Prominent, Conspicuous, Remarkable, Striking, Weighty
Antonyms: Concealed, Inconspicuous
 The salient features of the Titanic were a large Parisian Café, a swimming pool, a ball room and playing courts, which made it a subject of envy and admiration of the Maritime nations.
- **Sallow (Adj.)** (پیلے رنگ کا) Of pale and unhealthy yellowish colour
Synonyms: Wan, Pallid
Antonyms: Ruddy
 I could make out from her sallow complexion and pale eyes that she had again not been well; I sternly advised her to see a doctor.
- **Sally (n)** (جارجانہ دھواں، خوش کن بات) 1. A quick attack and return to position of defence 2. A lively or witty remark or answer
Synonyms: 1. Sortie 2. Riposte
 1. The brave young soldier made an audacious sally into the enemy camp, and came back after successfully detonating a powerful bomb in the camp.

- **Salubrious (Adj.)** (صحت افزا، راحت بخش) Good for the health. Also, desirable or respectable
Synonyms: Wholesome, Salutory, Nutritious
Antonyms: Baneful, Miasmatic
 The doctor advised him that in order to quickly recover from his illness, he should move to more salubrious surroundings away from the grime and dust of the city.
- **Salutary (Adj.)** (سودمند، صحت افزا) Tending to improve, Beneficial
Synonyms: Curative, Remedial
Antonyms: Valedictory
 Driving when drunk was his usual habit, but the accident he met with last month proved to be a salutary lesson for him; he has now given up drinking.
- **Salvage (v & n)** (سلمان یا جان نجات سے بچانا) Rescue/Save from loss or damage (usu. goods or property)
Synonyms: Extricate, Emancipate
Antonyms: Intricate
 With great difficulty, they managed to salvage all their important documents from the debris of their house destroyed by the earthquake.
- **Salvation (n)** (نجات، کٹی، بچاؤ) That which saves or preserves from danger, destruction, or failure. Also, the state of being saved from the power and effect of evil
Synonyms: Sustenance, Conservancy, Emancipation, Extrication, Redemption
Antonyms: Endangerment, Harm, Hurt, Injury
 The map you gave me proved to be my salvation; I would surely have got lost in the forest if I did not have the map with me.
- **Salve (v & n)** (مرہم رکھ کر آرام دینا) To make less painful. Also, an ointment to soothe the pain
Synonyms: Emollient, Liniment, Unguent
Antonyms: Annoy, Bother, Distress
 He salved his sprained ankle by applying the ointment which was prepared from herbs and believed to have an immediate effect.
- **Salvo (n)** (ہتھیاروں کو ایک ساتھ دھنکے کا عمل) Firing of several guns at once. Also, any sudden outburst
Synonyms: Volley, Barrage, Bombardment, Burst, Cannonade
Antonyms: Truce, Parley
 As soon as the President arrived at the ceremonial site, he was given a welcome with a salvo of gunfire.
- **Sanctimonious (Adj.)** (ریاکار، ظاہر دار) Self-righteous, Thinking that one is right and others are not
Synonyms: Hypocritical, Deceitful
Antonyms: Sincere
 Tired of the sanctimonious lectures from her elder sister on almost everything, Daisy lashed out at her in front of their mother.

- **Sanction** (n & v) (مقتدرانہ اجازت) 1. Formal or official approval 2. An official action (like stopping of trade) taken by one country against another
Synonyms: 1. Endorsement 2. Embargo, Penalty
Antonyms: Abandonment
 1. The government has finally sanctioned the construction of a separate building of Parliament.
 2. Heavy sanctions were imposed on Pakistan when it carried out its Nuclear Test in 1998.
- **Sanctity** (n) (قدس) Holiness, Sacredness
Synonyms: Devoutness, Piety, Reverence
Antonyms: Profanity
 The great man believed in the sanctity of life; for him, all life was sacred and thus whenever he saw a creature on the road, he would just shove it aside lest someone should kill it.
- **Sanctuary** (n) (پناہ گاہ) A place of shelter or protection (esp. for birds and animals)
Synonyms: Tabernacle, Refuge, Asylum, Haven
Antonyms: Market
 The Government has decided to set up a wild life sanctuary for the protection of tiger which is on the brink of extinction.
- **Sanctum** (n) (مقام مقدس) A holy place inside a temple. Also, a private place where one can be quiet and alone
Synonyms: Chancel, Holy Place, Shrine, Temple
 The sanctum of the Badshahi Mosque provides a peaceful atmosphere for the people seeking mental peace.
- **Sangfroid** (n) (دل جمی، سکون) Calmness in danger or difficulty
Synonyms: Aplomb, Calmness, Composure, Coolness, Equanimity
Antonyms: Hullabaloo, Excitement
 Showing great sangfroid amidst the other panic-stricken people, Sanders managed to pull out the two children out of the burning hut.
- **Sanguinary** (Adj.) (خونخوار، شگاف، قاتل) Full of bloodshed, Marked by much wounding and killing
Synonyms: Bloody, Cutthroat, Ferocious, Lethal, Ruinous
Antonyms: Gentle, Innocent, Kind
 Moved by the cries and miseries of the victims of the war, Akbar the Great, decided to give up his sanguinary acts and lead a peaceful life.
- **Sanguine** (Adj.) (خود اعتماد، اُپورنگ) Hopeful, Expecting a positive outcome
Synonyms: Optimistic, Buoyant, Confidant, Enthusiastic, Expectant
Antonyms: Pessimistic, Sombre, Dejected
 She is pretty sanguine about her chances of getting the job; she says she had a very good interview and the panel seemed impressed with her résumé.
- **Sap** (v) (پچکے پچکے کرنا یا تباہ کرنا) Weaken, Diminish in strength and vigour
Synonyms: Subvert, Debilitate, Enervate, Deplete
Antonyms: Fortify, Energise

- The prolonged illness immediately after the accident gradually sapped all his strength.
- **Sapient** (Adj.) (دانا، درویش، باہم) Wise
Synonyms: Sagacious, Erudite, Astute
Antonyms: Ignorant, Obtuse
 Because of his sapience, he is well known in not only his own village, but also the neighbouring villages; people come to him with problems to find a favourable solution.
 - **Sarcasm** (n) (طنز، طعنه، بھڑکائی) Biting or hurting remarks, Criticism by saying something while meaning the opposite
Synonyms: Taunt, Acrimony, Aspersions, Burlesque, Cynicism, Raillery
Antonyms: Courtesy, Diplomacy, Flattery
 Fawad had managed to stand first in the class and thus whenever he saw a creature on the road, he would just shove it aside lest someone should kill it.
 Javed knew very well that Fawad had managed to stand first in the class only by using unfair means in the exam, so the note of sarcasm in his voice was evident when he went to congratulate Fawad.
 - **Sardonic** (Adj.) (حسروانہ) Seeming to regard oneself as too important to consider a matter, person etc. seriously
Synonyms: Disparaging, Sneering
Antonyms: Sincere
 He always regards my worries with a sardonic smirk – as if my problems are not problems at all.
 - **Sartorial** (Adj.) (درزی کا یا سے متعلق) Pertaining to men's clothes and tailoring
Synonyms: Clothing, Dress, Tailored
 Her sartorial sense is truly admirable - I have never seen her wearing any mismatched clothes.
 - **Sated** (Adj.) (غلام سیر) Having had more of something than one can easily have at one time
Synonyms: Satiated, Glut, Cloy
Antonyms: Abstain, Diet, Fast
 Sated with drink, he had to be dragged into his hostel room.
 - **Satiate** (v) (پُر کرنا، پُر کرنا، پُر کرنا) Fully satisfy
Synonyms: Accomplish, Quench, Slake
Antonyms: Insatiate
 Even after the company had doubled its production of the hugely successful game, the demand for the product could not be satiated.
 - **Satire** (n) (طنز، طعنه) Any piece of work (writing etc.) meant to bring out the misdeeds or foolishness of others in an amusing manner
Synonyms: Repartee, Witicism, Facetiousness
Antonyms: Commendation, Compliment
 The Unknown Citizen is a satire on the life of modern man in which the poet has made fun of the way a modern man behaves without taking into consideration his individuality and freedom.
 - **Saturate** (v) (سیراب کرنا، معمور کرنا) To fill completely (usu. with a liquid) so that no more can be held. Soak thoroughly
Synonyms: Impregnate, Satisfy, Surfeit
Antonyms: Drain, Empty, Exhaust

Hit on the shoulder by a stray bullet in the police firing, his shirt was saturated in blood.

- **Saturnine** (Adj.) (غمین طبیعت کا) Gloomy and sad, Solemn
Synonyms: Dejected, Desolate, Melancholic, Miserable, Morose, Sullen
Antonyms: Cheerful, Flagrant
He tried his best to enliven the saturnine atmosphere in the room by narrating, a funny incident, but the gloom was too predominant to be dispelled.
- **Saunter** (v) (ٹھٹھا) Walk in a leisurely way or without a destination, Stroll slowly
Synonyms: Promenade, Tramp, Ramble, Turn, Walk
Antonyms: Run
The old man was last seen sauntering in the park in an aimless sort of way, and since then, there is no sign of him.
- **Savoir-faire** (n) (کتر بے) Polished and tactful manners, ability to say and do the right thing
Synonyms: Poise, Diplomacy, Flair, Poise, Savvy, Sense
Antonyms: Awkwardness, Tactlessness, Gracelessness
Because of his savoir-faire, he is admired by the office staff and considered to be the best leader.
- **Savour** (v) (لطف لینا یا سرور دینا) Enjoy slowly, Relish
Synonyms: Piquancy, Relish
Antonyms: Insipid, Colourless
His victory was hard-earned, and he savoured every moment of it.
- **Savvy** (n) (سوچ بوجھ) Practical knowledge and know-how
Synonyms: Acumen, Awareness, Perception, Understanding
Antonyms: Ignorance, Ineptness, Inadequacy
The new CEO does not have much technical savvy, and totally depends on us to operate his computer.
- **Scab** (n) (کھرنچہ پٹری) A hard and rough outer covering, esp. which forms on a wound as blood clots
Synonyms: Encrustation, Incrustation, Integument, Rind, Verge
Antonyms: Core, Internal
A large, thick scab now covered his knee, three days after the fall he had had.
- **Scabbard** (n) (نایم، میان) Case for a sword blade, Sheath
Synonyms: Quiver, Covering, Sheath, Wrapping
Antonyms: Sword
He was attacked from behind as soon as he put his sword back into the scabbard.
- **Scabrous** (Adj.) (درشت، تلایا) Unpleasant because of association with shocking or unpleasant subjects
Synonyms: Risqué, Blotchy, Coarse, Encrusted, Scaly, Unsmooth
Antonyms: Facile, Mild, Soothing
The novel has rather shocking and scabrous descriptions, and is best avoided if you do not wish to strain your nerves.

- **Scald** (v & n) (جلا) To burn (the skin) with hot liquid
Synonyms: Blister, Singe, Blanch, Char, Excoriate, Scorch
Antonyms: Cool, Extinguish
When he tried to cook for the first time, he dropped a pot of steaming stew on himself and badly scalded his legs.
- **Scale** (v) (پڑھنا، سوار ہونا) Climb, Ascend
Synonyms: Surmount, Clamber, Escalate, Mount
Antonyms: Descend
The master batsman has scaled new heights with each innings he has played.
- **Scalpel** (n) (نشر، جراحی کا پاتر) A small, sharp knife used by doctors in operations
Synonyms: Blade, Cutlass, Cutter, Dagger, Ripper, Sabre
Antonyms: Sword
The doctor urged the nurse for the scalpel at the operating table.
- **Scamper** (v) (کودھ جانا، چھٹا) To run quickly, usu. playfully or in fright
Synonyms: Sprint, Hasten, Scurry, Gallop
Antonyms: Stroll
The rabbits scampered away behind the bushes as I approached them.
- **Scapegoat** (n) (قربان کا بکرا) Someone who bears the blame for others
Synonyms: Gull, Mark, Pigeon, Schmock, Stooze, Weaking
Antonyms: Culprit, Criminal
Though the entire team must be blamed for the shameful defeat, the media is bound to make the captain and the team manager scapegoats and insist on their removal.
- **Scathing** (Adj.) (شدید تنقید کا مال) Harsh and severe, Bitterly cruel in judgement
Synonyms: Mordant, Acerbic, Acrimonious, Sarcastic, Scornful
Antonyms: Kind, Benevolent, Praising
The government's decision to sell rice at Rs.50 per kg in the country has come in for scathing criticism by most analysts, who feel that this is a populist decision taken just to gather votes.
- **Scavenge** (v) (کنڈی سے کوئی منید چیز ڈھونڈنا) Hunt through discarded materials for usable items, Search, especially for food
Synonyms: Forage, Search, Rummage, Sift
Antonyms: Duck, Dodge
They have furnished their house almost entirely by scavenging from the local rubbish dump – they even managed to find an old refrigerator in working condition.
- **Sceptic** (n) (شک پرست) Person who doubts or questions persistently, Not easily convinced
Synonyms: Agnostic, Apostate, Doubting Thomas, Misanthrope, Questioner
Antonyms: Follower, Devotee, Disciple
Though most analysts have welcomed the budget with great enthusiasm describing it as a path-breaking budget, there are some sceptics who are not convinced and believe that the economy will not really benefit from the various proposals.

- **Schematic (Adj.)** (تصوری یا قیاسی) Relating to an outline or diagram, Using a system of symbols
Synonyms: Diagrammatic, Delineative, Graphic, Illustrative, Symbolic
Antonyms: Figurative
 They prepared a schematic representation of the distribution of various elements present in the area.
- **Schism (n)** (کسی جماعت کا مصلحہم جماعتوں میں ہوا) Split or separation, usu. between parts originally of the same group
Synonyms: Cleft, Fissure, Division, Separation
Antonyms: Union
 The schism within the political party effectively sealed its chances of winning the elections.
- **Schizophrenia (n)** (پراگندہ ذہنی) A mental disorder marked by lack of connection between thoughts, feelings and action
Synonyms: Craziness, Delusions, Lunacy, Neurosis, Paranoia
 He has been suffering from Schizophrenia for the last one year. He often holds his left hand with his right, and cries out saying that someone is pulling his arm.
- **Scintilla (n)** (خیف ترین ذرہ) An insignificant amount
Synonyms: Trace, Iota, Scrap, Shred, Ounce, Bit, Spark
Antonyms: Mass, Mountain, Heap, Stack
 There's not even a scintilla of doubt in my mind that the culprit is Fahad.
- **Scintillate (v)** (چمکنا، دکھنا) Sparkle, Flash, Twinkle. Also, to be full of life and wittiness
Synonyms: Glisten, Twinkle, Glow, Glimmer, Sparkle
Antonyms: Smoulder, Dreary
 The audience sat spellbound throughout his scintillating speech, in which the veteran actor described his early days of struggle and misery.
- **Scoff (v & n)** (مسخرہ اڑانا) Make fun of, Ridicule
Synonyms: Taunt, Gibe, Mock, Deride, Berate
Antonyms: Praise, Applaud, Eulogise
 Nearly fifty years ago, my grandfather had predicted that typewriters would be replaced by electronic word processors, and his peers had scoffed at this idea.
- **Scorch (v)** (جھلسانا) 1. To burn slightly, so as to change colour or complexion
 2. To dry up and die (for plants)
Synonyms: 1. Shivel 2. Excoriate, Condemn
Antonyms: Cool, Freeze
 Not used to being in the sun for long, he came back from the trek with his skin badly scorched.
- **Scour (v)** (برتن وغیرہ کو ہاتھ یا کسی چیز سے بھانجا) 1. To thoroughly search for something
 2. To clean or remove by hard rubbing with a rough material
Synonyms: Rummage, Investigate, Abrade, Burnish, Pumice, Scrub
Antonyms: Dirty, Rust

- 1. I have scoured all the shops in this market for a bowler hat, but have not found one.
- 2. The plates will be easy to wash, but the saucepans will need scouring.
- **Scourge (v & n)** (کوڑے مارنا، لڑت دینا) To hit severely with a whip or lash. Also, to punish severely
Synonyms: Flog, Censure, Castigate, Chastise, Scathe, Trounce, Wallop
Antonyms: Reward, Prize
 He scourged the horse so badly that the marks of the whip are still visible on its back.
- **Scout (v)** (مشاہدہ کرنا یا کڑی نگاہ رکھنا) To go around looking for something
Synonyms: Case, Examine, Ferret, Inspect, Reconnoitre, Recce
Antonyms: Ignore, Overlook, Shun
 We scouted the entire area for any evidence of the missing horse, but it was nowhere to be seen.
- **Screed (n)** (طوفانی تقریر یا خطاب) A long and uninteresting speech or piece of writing
Synonyms: Exhortation, Hassle, Jeremiad, Philippic, Spouting
Antonyms: Song, Music
 He has read screeds and screeds on the subject, but has not been able to find the precise information he is looking for.
- **Scrimp (v)** (خست کفایت سے کام لینا) To save money slowly and with difficulty
Synonyms: Manage, Retrench, Shepherd, Skimp, Stretch a Dollar
Antonyms: Spend, Squander
 He earned very little and lived hand to mouth, but somehow he managed to scrimp a little money to buy a gift for his wife.
- **Scrounge (v)** (ادھر ادھر تلاش کرنا) To obtain something without paying or working for it, usu. by persuading others
Synonyms: Forage, Raid
 He has the irritating habit of scrounging for cigarettes from others; I don't think he ever buys them himself.
- **Scrumptious (Adj.)** (انتہائی عمدہ یا نفیس) Delicious, Very tasty
Synonyms: Toothsome, Ambrosial, Exquisite, Luscious, Yummy
Antonyms: Unappetising, Distasteful
 The food served in the party was so scrumptious that it would make even a frugal-eater a glutton.
- **Scruple (n & v)** (ضمیر، احتیاط) Moral principles that prevent a person from doing something wrong, Conscience. Hence, to check oneself from doing a wrong thing
Synonyms: Compunction, Conscience, Qualm, Squeamishness
Antonyms: Ignorance, Negligence, Unconcern
 He never felt any scruples in borrowing money from others even when he knew that he could not return the money by the promised date.
- **Scrupulous (Adj.)** (بہت محتاط) 1. Careful to the narrowest detail, Extremely thorough, 2. Honest, Conscientious
Synonyms: Punctilious, Finical
Antonyms: Unscrupulous

- The doctor sternly advised him to be absolutely scrupulous in taking his medicines on time.
- **Scrutinise (v)** (جائزہ پڑھنا) Examine closely and critically
Synonyms: Contemplate, Analyse, Explore, Investigate, Survey
Antonyms: Ignore, Disregard, Overlook
 I have carefully scrutinised every page of the newspaper, but have not found the advertisement you had mentioned.
 - **Scuffle (n & v)** (جھگڑنا) A brief, disorderly fight
Synonyms: Commotion, Combat, Melee, Fracas
Antonyms: Agreement, Harmony
 Though not seriously, but both the boys were hurt in a scuffle, that resulted from a small altercation between them.
 - **Scurrilous (Adj.)** (گھٹیا، توہین آمیز) Making or containing very rude, improper, and usu. incorrect remarks about someone
Synonyms: Insolent, Opprobrious, Pathetic, Ribald, Scabrous
Antonyms: Decent, Polite, Upright
 The seething dispute between the new captain and the former captain of the team has been brought out in the open with the ex-captain making some scurrilous comments about his successor in a meeting with the press.
 - **Scurry (v)** (تیز دوڑنا یا حرکت کرنا) Move fast, in short, quick steps
Synonyms: Scuttle, Hasten, Scamper, Scoot, Sprint, Whisk
Antonyms: Dawdle, Loaf, Walk
 The little children playing in the garden quickly scurried away to their homes when the saw the garden approaching them threateningly.
 - **Scuttle (v)** (مختصر تیز قدموں سے بھاگنا) 1. Run with short, rapid steps 2. To sink (one's ship) intentionally to prevent the enemy from capturing it
Synonyms: Scurry, Barrel, Dart, Hasten, Scamper, Scoot, Sprint, Whisk, Zip
Antonyms: Dawdle, Loaf, Walk
 2. The projected costs were so high that the company board decided to scuttle the expansion plans.
 - **Scythe (n & v)** (دراڑی) A tool with a sharp, curved blade used for cutting grain or long grass. Hence, to cut (usu. with a sharp edged object)
Synonyms: Cleave, Clip, Guillotine, Hack, Mow
 During the monsoons, the residents decided to scythe the grass in their locality completely to prevent vicious creatures from taking shelter in it.
 - **Seamy (Adj.)** (اوی، کچی، کریہہ) Unpleasant and improper because of being rough and immoral
Synonyms: Sordid, Unrighteous, Loathed
Antonyms: Decent, Elevated
 The respected gentry of the society were seldom seen in this part of the town because of its seamy reputation.
 - **Sear (v)** (داغنا، جھلس دینا) To burn with a sudden powerful blast of heat. Also, to dry up because of heat
Synonyms: Cauterise, Blight, Desiccate, Scorch, Harden, Wilt
Antonyms: Freeze, Extinguish, Soothe

- A small spark in the gas-godown seared the whole godown into the air, luckily there was no one in or near the godown who was hurt.
- **Seasoned (Adj.)** (تجربہ کار، چھانچہ) Experienced
Synonyms: Veteran, Habituated, Illustrious, Virtuoso
Antonyms: Novice, Fledgling, Tyro
 Being a seasoned diplomat, Mr. Qureshi always knew exactly what to say to the press in the foreign country about the political developments in his home country.
 - **Secede (v)** (ٹھکانا) To withdraw from membership of an organisation etc.
Synonyms: Mutiny, Revolt, Disaffiliate, Separate, Withdraw, Split
Antonyms: Connect, Join, Associate
 The regional political party decided to secede from the coalition at the centre, leading to a political crisis in the country.
 - **Seclude (v)** (آسٹ کرنا یا رکھنا) Isolate, Place away from the rest
Synonyms: Quarantine, Ostracise, Sequester
Antonyms: Mingle, Socialise
 For three months, the aspiring dancer secluded himself from his friends and all other activities, and concentrated on practicing his dancing skills.
 - **Secrete (v)** (دہنی رطوبت خارج کرنا یا پیدا کرنا) 1. To produce (usu. a liquid substance) from the surface 2. Hide away
Synonyms: Swelter, Emanate, Excrete, Extrude, Perspire
Antonyms: Fill, Saturate
 This tree is known to secrete an oily substance in summer, which, according to some researchers can help in finding a cure for AIDS.
 - **Sect (n)** (فرقہ) Separate religious body, usu. with a limited membership
Synonyms: Denomination, Creed, Communion
Antonyms: Entirety, Total, Whole
 People from almost all the sects had gathered to pay homage to the noble man who had sacrificed his life for the welfare of the people, irrespective of their castes and religions.
 - **Secular (Adj.)** (دنئی، لادنی) Having nothing to do with religion or church matters, Not religious
Synonyms: Temporal, Materialistic, Nonreligious
Antonyms: Clerical, Religious, Spiritual
 This school believes in developing a secular attitude in children, encouraging them to make up their own minds about religion.
 - **Sedate (Adj.)** (شین) Not showing any hurry or excitement, Calm and composed
Synonyms: Deliberate, Dignified, Imperturbable, Serene, Solemn
Antonyms: Agitated, Excitable, Enthralled
 The doctor sternly advised him to get some exercise as the sedate and sedentary life he was leading might lead to various disorders.
 - **Sedate (v)** (سکون دینا) To cause to become sleepy or calm
Synonyms: Demure, Placid, Serene, Tranquil, Unruffled
Antonyms: Agitate, Excite, Enliven
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- According to a geologist, the region around the river is very prone to the seismic activity, and even though no earthquake has occurred here in the last five hundred years, has requested the government not to go ahead with the construction of the proposed township.**
- Semantics (n)** (علم المعانی) The study of the meanings of words and other parts of a language
Synonyms: Explanation, Explication, Interpretation, Semiotics, Symbolism
Antonyms: Entomology

- Instead of fussing over the semantics of this legal terminology, let us try and find a solution to this problem.**
- Semblance (n)** (مشابہت) The outward appearance of something, Resemblance
Synonyms: Mien, Analogy, A likeness, Facade
Antonyms: Dissimilarity, Disharmony
- After the devastating earthquake nearly three months ago, this city is now returning to a semblance of normalcy.**
- Seminal (Adj.)** (بہت اہم اور بانی پر مبنی) Creative, giving rise to new developments
Synonyms: Generative, Critical, Fundamental, Influential
Antonyms: Dull, Barren
- He played a seminal role in the establishment of the business, but had to leave before the returns started coming in.**
- Seminary (n)** (درگاہ) An educational institution, esp. one for training priests
Synonyms: Academy, School, Institute, Preparatory School, Madrassah
Antonyms: Club, Cinema
- In the sixteenth century Europe, so many young people wanted to be priests that the seminaries could just not accommodate them.**
- Senile (Adj.)** (سُطِیا ہوا) Of, or caused by, old age (esp. the weakness of mind or body arising from old age)
Synonyms: Feeble, Imbecile, Infirm, Weak
Antonyms: Robust, Hardy
- She has been painstakingly caring for her senile mother-in-law, who is completely bed-ridden and not able to stand without help.**
- Sensual (Adj.)** (جسم اور جسمانی تقاضوں سے متعلق) Devoted to the pleasures of the body (rather than the mind), of the senses
Synonyms: Voluptuous, Animalistic, Bodily, Carnal, Lascivious, Venereal
Antonyms: Spiritual, Mental
- For many people with a sweet tooth, eating chocolate can be a sensual experience.**
- Sensuous (Adj.)** (حواس سے متعلق) Appealing to the senses, From which bodily pleasure can be derived
Synonyms: Luscious, Voluptuous, Seductive
Antonyms: Prudish, Chaste, Moderate
- The luxurious silk bedspread gave a very sensual feel to the room.**
- Sententious (Adj.)** (جانب اور بلیغ) Trying to appear wise, moralistic and important
Synonyms: Didactic, Succinct, Laconic, Expounding
Antonyms: Verbose
- The book appears to be very sententious when you read its outer jacket and the back cover, but as you read it, you find that there is very little substance as it is far removed from practicality.**
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Synonyms: Seismography
Antonyms: Astrology
 According to a geologist, the region around the river is very prone to seismic activity, and even though no earthquake has occurred here in the last five hundred years, has requested the government not to go ahead with the construction of the proposed township.
- **Semantics (n)** (علم المعانی) The study of the meanings of words and other parts of a language
Synonyms: Explanation, Explication, Interpretation, Semiotics, Symbolism
Antonyms: Entomology

- Instead of fussing over the semantics of this legal terminology, let us try and find a solution to this problem.
- **Semblance (n)** (مشابہت) The outward appearance of something, Resemblance
Synonyms: Mien, Analogy, A likeness, Facade
Antonyms: Dissimilarity, Disharmony
 After the devastating earthquake nearly three months ago, this city is now returning to a semblance of normalcy.
 - **Seminal (Adj.)** (بہت اہم اور مایہ ناز پر مبنی اور اثر چھوڑنے والا) Creative, giving rise to new developments
Synonyms: Generative, Critical, Fundamental, Influential
Antonyms: Dull, Barren
 He played a seminal role in the establishment of the business, but had to leave before the returns started coming in.
 - **Seminary (n)** (درگاہ) An educational institution, esp. one for training priests
Synonyms: Academy, School, Institute, Preparatory School, Madrassah
Antonyms: Club, Cinema
 In the sixteenth century Europe, so many young people wanted to be priests that the seminaries could just not accommodate them.
 - **Senile (Adj.)** (سُلیا ہوا) Of, or caused by, old age (esp. the weakness of mind or body arising from old age)
Synonyms: Feeble, Imbecile, Infirmary, Weak
Antonyms: Robust, Hardy
 She has been painstakingly caring for her senile mother-in-law, who is completely bed-ridden and not able to stand without help.
 - **Sensual (Adj.)** (جسم اور جسمانی تقاضوں سے متعلق) Devoted to the pleasures of the body (rather than the mind), of the senses
Synonyms: Voluptuous, Animalistic, Bodily, Carnal, Lascivious, Venereal
Antonyms: Spiritual, Mental
 For many people with a sweet tooth, eating chocolate can be a sensual experience.
 - **Sensuous (Adj.)** (حواس سے متعلق) Appealing to the senses, From which bodily pleasure can be derived
Synonyms: Luscious, Voluptuous, Seductive
Antonyms: Prudish, Chaste, Moderate
 The luxurious silk bedspread gave a very sensual feel to the room.
 - **Sententious (Adj.)** (جامع اور بلیغ) Trying to appear wise, moralistic and important
Synonyms: Didactic, Succinct, Laconic, Expounding
Antonyms: Verbose
 The book appears to be very sententious when you read its outer jacket and the back cover, but as you read it, you find that there is very little substance as it is far removed from practicality.
 - **Sentient (Adj.)** (کئی خاص یا شعور پر مبنی) Capable of feeling
Synonyms: Cognisant, Conscious, Observing, Perceiving, Receptive, Watchful
Antonyms: Insensitive, Unaware, Unconscious

It is difficult for any sentient person to understand how a murderer can so ruthlessly take someone else's life.

- **Sentinel** (n) (سینٹنل) Sentry, Guard
Synonyms: Patrol, Sentry
Antonyms: Dacoit, Thief
 They decided to post a sentinel at the entrance of the actor's residence after the housebreak attempt.
- **Sepulchral** (Adj.) (سپلچرل) Suggesting death, or places where the dead are buried
Synonyms: Bleak, Dismal, Dreary, Forlorn, Gloomy, Grave, Sombre
Antonyms: Cheerful, Happy, Jubilant
 The horror film began with the camera moving around the dark and gloomy walls of a sepulchral old house, with haunting music in the background and a cemetery visible in the distance.
- **Sequestered** (Adj.) (سیکسٹرڈ) Quiet and hidden, Away from the crowded areas
Synonyms: Isolated, Secluded, Cloistered, Ascetic
Antonyms: Included, Integrated
 A week before the final hearing of the case, the judge decided to sequester the jury in a house rented specially for this purpose away from the city, so that the members can reach a consensus without any kind of interference.
- **Seraphic** (Adj.) (سرافک) Like an angel, Very kind or beautiful
Synonyms: Angelic, Sublime, Handsome, Magnificent
Antonyms: Diabolical, Cruel
 A little girl peeped through the curtain, giving me a seraphic smile as I waited at the door.
- **Serenade** (n & v) (سیرنڈ) Evening song or instrumental music sung or played by lover at his lady's window
Synonyms: Divertimento, Nocturne, Song
Antonyms: Disregard, Ignore
 He spent an entire morning preparing a serenade to sing for his girlfriend on the Valentine's Day.
- **Serendipity** (n) (سیرنڈپٹی) Gift for finding valuable or desirable things by accident, Accidental good fortune or luck
Synonyms: Blessing, Fluke, Happenstance
Antonyms: Invention
 The actress said that her joining films was sheer serendipity - she was spotted by a producer as she was crossing the road in front of her college.
- **Serene** (Adj.) (سیرین) Calm and peaceful
Synonyms: Tranquil, Placid, Sedate
Antonyms: Tremulous
 The three days we spent in the serene and peaceful environment of the charming hill station has totally rejuvenated us.

- **Serpentine** (Adj.) (سرنپنٹ) Winding and twisting, Following a path full of curves
Synonyms: Tortuous, Baffling, Complex, Intricate, Labyrinthine
Antonyms: Simple, Straightforward
 No one had expected the movie to be such a big hit - even three weeks after its release, there were serpentine queues of people trying to get a ticket outside the theatres.
- **Serrated** (Adj.) (سیرٹڈ) Toothed, Having a series of small projections
Synonyms: Denticulate, Indented, Notched, Pointy
Antonyms: Smooth, Flat
 You will need a serrated knife to cut this piece of meat, a normal kitchen knife will not do.
- **Servile** (Adj.) (سرویل) Behaving like a slave, Being completely controlled by another
Synonyms: Obsequious, Cringing, Ubiquitous
Antonyms: Independent, Haughty
 I was totally put off seeing him behave in that servile manner in front of the party President - I always thought he was more self-respecting than that.
- **Sever** (v) (سیور) Cut, Separate. Also, to break off or end a relationship
Synonyms: Disengage, Ostracise, Abandon, Separate, Terminate
Antonyms: Combine, Join, Unite
 When she came to know about the illegal activities of her uncle, she decided to sever all ties with him, having no links whatsoever.
- **Severity** (Adj.) (سیریتی) Harshness, Intensity
Synonyms: Acrimony, Astringency, Sarcasm, Coarseness
Antonyms: Courtesy, Diplomacy, Flattery
 The severity of the punishment given to him did not match the seriousness of the crime -- he deserved at least ten years in jail instead of the four years he got away with.
- **Shackle** (n & v) (شیکل) Something used to tie up the limbs so as to prevent movement. Hence, anything that prevents movement
Synonyms: Impediment, Restraint, Chain, Manacle, Trammel
Antonyms: Unshackle, Liberate
 Shackled for many years because of government regulations and a system of licenses and permits, the economy has begun to cut loose.
- **Sham** (n & v) (شام) Something that is not what it appears, Pretence
Synonyms: Feign, Simulate, Replica, Imposter
Antonyms: Genuine, Reality
 I am quite convinced that his illness was just a sham to save himself from doing the physical exercises, he is looking absolutely fit now that he has been excused.
- **Shambles** (n) (شامبلز) A place of utter disorder or confusion
Synonyms: Anarchy, Chaos, Confusion, Havoc, Hodge-Podge, Muddle
Antonyms: Order, Peace

Because of the unexpected and unseasonal rains, our plans of going for a hike were all in a shambles.

- **Shard (n)** (ٹی کے برتن کا ٹوٹا ہوا ٹکڑا) Broken piece of glass, pottery etc.
Synonyms: Chip, Crumb, Fragment, Grain Portion, Smidgen, Speck
Antonyms: Whole
 He accidentally stepped on a small shard of glass when he was playing barefoot in the garden; the shard could only be removed by surgery.
- **Sheath (n)** (غلاف، تلوار کی نایام) An outer covering, usu. for a sword or knife
Synonyms: Quiver, Scabbard
Antonyms: Sword
 The electrician secured the copper wire with a plastic sheath so that no current could pass through.
- **Shibboleth (n)** (کوئی لفظ، بول یا مادہ جس سے کسی گروہ کی دوسروں سے شناخت ہو جاتی ہو) A slogan or principle, usu. one which was once widely accepted but is not very relevant in the present times
Synonyms: Countersign, Custom, Password, Phrase, Practice, Watchword
Antonyms: Coinage, Nuance
 While many of the older teachers are still clinging on to the old shibboleths of learning by rote, the new ones are adopting a more scientific approach to learning.
- **Shiftless (Adj.)** (غیر حاضر دماغ، کاہل) Lazy and inefficient, Lacking the will to succeed
Synonyms: Indolent, Slothful, Sluggish, Apathetic
Antonyms: Industrious, Diligent, Assiduous
 This shiftlessness will not get you anywhere, get up and go to work!
- **Shimmer (v)** (چمکانا، جھلکانا) Shine with a flickering light, Glimmer
Synonyms: Glisten, Glow, Glitter, Twinkle, Scintillate
Antonyms: Dull, Tedious
 The small shimmering light in the distance appeared to them as a beacon of hope, as they had thought themselves lost in the forest.
- **Shirk (v)** (کھترانا، پہلو تہی کرنا) Avoid (responsibility, work etc.)
Synonyms: Maligner, Elude, Eschew, Lurk, Shun, Sidestep, Sneak
Antonyms: Do, Face
 I have always considered him to be a very responsible person, so I was very surprised when the boss accused him of shirking from responsibilities.
- **Shoddy (Adj.)** (گھٹیا قسم کا یا ہوا کوئی چیز) Of poor quality, Inferior
Synonyms: Counterfeit, Pretentious
Antonyms: Superior
 The shoddy performance of our cricketers against the Australians was the main reason for the Pakistan's debacle in the recent test series.
- **Shrewd (Adj.)** (صورت حالات کو بھانپ جانے والا، زیرک) Very clever and practical.
 Having good judgement
Synonyms: Astute, Sagacious, Judicious
Antonyms: Obtuse

- He was known for his shrewdness in the college. Nobody could play a trick on him, but he could do it with anybody he wanted to.
- **Shrivel (v)** (سکڑنا، سٹپنا) To dry out and become smaller
Synonyms: Wrinkle, Desiccate, Scorch, Welter, Wrinkle
Antonyms: Enlarge, Dilate, Expand
 I forgot to put the apples in the refrigerator so they became all shrivelled and dried, so I had no option but to throw them away.
 - **Sibling (n)** (بھائی یا بہن) Brother or sister
Synonyms: Fraternal, Brotherly, Sisterly, Familial, Genealogical
Antonyms: Cousins, Friends
 He was the eldest of the four siblings, two brothers and two sisters.
 - **Sidle (v)** (دبک کر چلنا) To move uncertainly or with fear
Synonyms: Delude, Lurk, Secrete, Sly, Smuggle, Worm
Antonyms: Run, Gallop
 He tried to quietly sidle into the classroom without catching the teacher's attention, but got caught just as he was about to take his seat in the back row.
 - **Sift (v)** (چھنی کے ذریعے چھاننا) 1. Separate into finer and coarser parts, as with a sieve 2. To subject to close examination
Synonyms: Scrutinise, Probe, Delve
Antonyms: Put in
 1. While the other children were busy playing on the beach, making sand castles and having fun, Rosette sat in a corner silently sifting the sand through her tiny fingers.
 - **Silhouette (n & v)** (سیاہ رنگ کا پس منظر دیا گیا ہو) A dark shape seen against a light background, An outline
Synonyms: Likeness, Line, Lineament, Lineation, Shade, Shape
Antonyms: Body
 They recorded her interview with a bright light directly behind her so that only her silhouette was visible; her identity was well concealed.
 - **Silo (n)** (گودام یا تانہ) Pit or tower for storing grain or cement or radioactive waste
Synonyms: Elevator, Arsenal, Depository, Granary, Storehouse, Warehouse
Antonyms: Field
 The silo was filled a week ago and now the rats have eaten and emptied half of the grain stored in it.
 - **Simian (Adj.)** (بندروں کی مانند یا ان سے متعلق) Belonging to the monkey family
Synonyms: Primate, Neanderthal, Anthropoid, Chimpanzee
Antonyms: Birds
 The creature had distinct simian features – the face of a monkey and a long bushy tail, but the surprising part was that it was unable to climb a tree.
 - **Simile (n)** (محمبہ) Comparison of one thing with another
Synonyms: Parity, Reciprocity, Analogy, Metaphor, Similitude
Antonyms: Dissimilarity, Unlikeness
 As easy as ABC is a frequently used simile.

Smirper (v) (سکرنا) (امتنانہ اور قہقہے سے سکرنا)

Synonyms: Grimace, Smirk, Sneer
Antonyms: Frown, Scowl

The dull student could not understand the question and only smiled back at the teacher in a smirper way.

Simplistic (Adj.) (سراستہ، سادہ) (گمراہ کن انتہائی سادگی)

Synonyms: Elementary, Childish, Banal, Oversimplified
Antonyms: Difficult, Thorny

That is too simplistic an explanation for this strange phenomenon - I am sure there's something more complex at work.

Simulate (v) (نماں، تدوین، ظاہر کرنا)

Synonyms: Feign, Dissemble, Concoct, Fabricate, Resemble
Antonyms: Open, Represent, Reveal

The teacher beautifully explained the concept of the solar system to the children; he simulated in the classroom, the movements of the various planets through a specially constructed model of the planetary system.

Sine qua non (L) (Adj.) (ناگزیر، شرط لازم)

Synonyms: Indispensable, Contingency, Prerequisite, Stipulation
Antonyms: Auxiliary, Nonessential, Subsidiary

An interest in children, along with lots of patience, are the sine qua non for being a good teacher.

Sinecure (n) (جس میں ذمہ داری کم اور آمدن زیادہ ہو، کم خرچ ہالا نشین)

Synonyms: Capacity, Easy Ride, Plum Job, Doddle
Antonyms: Well-paid position with little responsibility

His new job is a real sinecure - for a salary of Rs.60000 p.m., all he has to do each day is to verify some computer records with some information recorded from different offices of the company.

Sinew (n) (نس، ہافت)

Synonyms: Force, Muscle, Potency, Power, Tendon, Vigour, Vitality
Antonyms: Frailness, Skinniness

After the long trek, he just did not have the sinew to go to the beach to call his younger brother.

Singe (v & n) (لگا لگا کر جلاتا)

Synonyms: Blister, Blaze, Cauterise, Incinerate
Antonyms: Extinguish, Quench, Smother

The dog went too near the fireplace and singed its fur.

Sinister (Adj.) (منحوس، بد شگون)

Synonyms: Adverse, Apocalyptic, Deleterious, Inauspicious, Pernicious
Antonyms: Gracious, Beneficent, Auspicious

Who could ever imagine that there lies a sinister brain behind his polite and benevolent behaviour.

Sinuous (Adj.) (پچردار)

Synonyms: Circuitous, Serpentine, Convoluted, Crooked, Tortuous, Winding
Antonyms: Straight, Unwisted, Unwinding

They led the prisoners on the sinuous path through the trees, and even if they were not blindfolded, they could never have remembered the winding route.

Siphon (v) (مٹانا یا خالی کرنا) To draw off or remove

Synonyms: Drain, Funnel, Deplete, Empty, Exhaust
Antonyms: Install, Deposit

Taking advantage of the trust placed in him by his cousin, the dishonest Arshad managed to siphon a huge sum of money from his cousin's business into his personal account.

Sketchy (Adj.) (نامکمل، خاکے کی نوعیت پر مبنی)

Synonyms: Cursory, Defective, Imperfect, Introductory, Skimpy, Vague
Antonyms: Complete, Detailed, Finished, Full

Too shocked to even speak properly, she only managed to give a sketchy account of the murder attempt on her.

Skew (v & n) (پکاڑنا) Distort, Twist

Synonyms: Askew, Askance, Alter, Contort, Falsify, Slant, Twist, Warp
Antonyms: Beautify, Improve

As soon as the gas is filled in the bulb, its end is skewed to close so as to make sure that the gas doesn't leak out.

Skiff (n) (چھوٹی سی کبکی شٹی) Small, light sailboat or rowboat

Synonyms: Dinghy, Canoe, Yacht
Antonyms: Ship, Vessel

When the crew of the ship came to know that the ship was going to sink, they decided to lower down the skiffs and send as many passengers as possible.

Skimp (v) (بچوڑی کرنا) Provide or use less than what is required, Live very economically

Synonyms: Pinch, Save, Scamp, Scrimp, Spare, Withhold
Antonyms: Spend, Use, Waste

The old couple had no choice but to skimp on meals, clothes and wherever possible in order to live within their means.

Skittish (Adj.) (نورنگ، ہلکا سا ڈرنا)

Synonyms: Capricious, Frivolous, Combustible, Spirited, Whimsical, Zippy
Antonyms: Calm, Collected, Unworried

The selling trend in technology stocks just shows how skittish investors are about the impact of an economic downturn.

Skulk (v) (چھپنا یا گھسنا) Move secretly, Hide

Synonyms: Lurk, Ambush, Bypass, Crouch, Evade, Pussyfoot, Snoop
Antonyms: Expose, Reveal, Show

Rabia thought she heard someone skulking behind the bushes, and decided to investigate.

Slacken (v) (مچھل یا سست ہونا) Reduce in activity, Loosen

Synonyms: Mitigate, Retard, Alleviate, Impede
Antonyms: Intensify, Tauten

Because of the political uncertainty in the country, economic activity has also slackened for the last three months.

- **Slake** (v) (تکینہ دینا) Quench, Satisfy someone's thirst with a drink
Synonyms: Propitiate, Sate, Mollify, Placate
Antonyms: Dissatisfy, Frustrate
 After a long game of golf, the two business tycoons decided to slake their thirst with a mug of beer.
- **Slander** (n & v) (تہمت، الزام) Defamation, Intentionally false and malicious statements
Synonyms: Calumny, Scandal, Defamation, Indignity
Antonyms: Flatter, Glorify, Praise
 After the rather malicious article about her, the actress has taken the extreme step of suing the magazine for slander.
- **Sleazy** (Adj.) (پکے کردار یا دمف کا) Cheap and poor looking, Disreputable
Synonyms: Shoddy, Dilapidated, Flimsy, Shabby, Trashy
Antonyms: Substantial, Reputable, Respectable
 A number of sleazy massage parlours have sprung up on the east end of the town.
- **Slight** (v & n) (بے توقہی یا بے توقیری کا نشانہ بنانا) To insult, Treat with disrespect
Synonyms: Snub, Spurn, Disparage, Insignificant, Meagre, Paltry, Weak
Antonyms: Praise, Laud, Important, Large, Significant
 She felt slighted when her husband did not bother to introduce her to the person he was taking to, and complained about it later to him.
- **Slipshod** (Adj.) (بے سلیقہ، لاپرواہ) Careless, Not thorough, Done without much attention
Synonyms: Messy, Slovenly, Coarse, Bedraggled, Inexact, Untidy
Antonyms: Careful, Polished, Refined
 The tailor had stitched my suit in a very slipshod manner and I was very uncomfortable wearing it at the meeting.
- **Slither** (v) (لڑھکانا، سرکانا) To move one's body in a sliding or twisting manner
Synonyms: Insinuate, Coast, Glissade, Slink, Sneak, Wriggle
Antonyms: Straighten
 I caught a glimpse of the snake quickly slithering away behind the wall, and now there is no sign of it.
- **Slothful** (Adj.) (ست، کاہل، تن آسان) Lazy, Unwilling to work
Synonyms: Indolent, Lackadaisical, Lethargic, Supine, Sluggish
Antonyms: Industrious, Ambitious, Judicious
 I had always thought of elephants as rather slothful creatures, so was surprised to learn that they could run so fast.
- **Slough** (n) (حواس ہانگنے یا بے چارگی کی حالت) Swampy (wet and muddy) land, marsh. Also, a state of despair or hopelessness, from which it is difficult to get out
Synonyms: Bog, Mire, Muskeg, Quagmire, Swampland, Wetland
Antonyms: Dry, Desiccated
 In recent times, he has often been slipping into the slough of despair and self-pity, not being able to get out of it for hours together.

- **Slovenly** (Adj.) (سہل انگ، تن آسان) Careless and untidy, very carelessly done
Synonyms: Frowzy, Bedraggled, Frumpy, Pigpen, Untidy
Antonyms: Methodical, Organised
 I've often told my roommate that he needs to do something about his slovenly habits, but he refuses to listen and still keeps his possessions in the most untidy way.
- **Sludge** (n) (لچڑ، دلدل) Soft mud or other dirty matter which settles at the bottom of a liquid
Synonyms: Gunk, Mire, Muck, Ooze, Scum
Antonyms: Wood
 To get to their destination, they had to walk in knee-deep sludge for nearly a mile.
- **Sluggish** (Adj.) (ست، کاہل) Slow and lazy
Synonyms: Lethargic, Torpid, Indolent, Languid, Slothful
Antonyms: Quick, Industrious, Assiduous, Diligent
 The dog remains active only while feeding, the other times, it remains sluggish and doesn't even bark at strangers.
- **Sluice** (n & v) (دھنڈی یا نہر جس کے بہاؤ کو روک یا پھانک کے ذریعے کم و بیش کیا جاتا ہے) An artificial waterway equipped with a valve or gate for regulating the flow. Hence, to come in streams (as if from a sluice)
Synonyms: Channel, Flume, Gate, Valve
Antonyms: Sea
 A torrent of gushing water sluiced across the fields as the dam suddenly burst open.
- **Slur** (v & n) (تہمت باہم، بدنام کرنا) 1. Speak unclearly, Mumble 2. To make unfair or insulting remarks
Synonyms: Animadversion, Aspersions, Traduce, Disparage, Libel
Antonyms: Compliment, Flattery, Praise
 1. Having drunk too much, the words came out in a slur when he tried to tell me his address, and I could barely manage to understand it.
- **Smattering** (n) (کچھ یا درجہ ساطم) A small amount, Slight knowledge
Synonyms: Shred, Basics, Elements, Modicum, Rudiments, Tad
Antonyms: Many, Much
 I had studied French back in college for a semester, so knew a smattering of it, but not enough to have a conversation with a Frenchman.
- **Smirk** (v & n) (دل شکن انداز میں مسکراتا) To smile in a self-satisfied way, often at the misfortune of others
Synonyms: Grimace, Beam, Leer, Simper, Sneer
Antonyms: Frown, Scowl
 As he watched the TV report in his hideout on the bomb explosion, the terrorist who was responsible for it gave a self-satisfied smirk.
- **Smite** (v) (زور سے مارنا) To hit hard and suddenly, Have a powerful, sudden effect on
Synonyms: Torment, Lambaste, Bruise, Lament
Antonyms: Comfort, Help, Solace

Most people were smitten by the scourge of unemployment in the recession hit 1930s in the USA.

- **Smother (v)** (دھنپ دینا) 1. To cover the surface of something 2. To prevent the development or continued existence of something or someone
Synonyms: Inundate, Muffle, Quench, Stifle, Surround
Antonyms: Light, Start, Uncover
- 1. During the rains, the city is smothered with pools of water.
2. The latest outburst of violence has smothered any chance of a peaceful settlement between the two countries.
- **Smoulder (v)** (شعلے کے بغیر آہستہ سے جلنا) Burn without flame, Burn inwardly or in a suppressed or unseen way
Synonyms: Churn, Consume, Ferment, Fulminate, Fume, Smoke, Steam
Antonyms: Freeze, Cool
When we reached the spot nearly six hours after the accident, the grass where the car had burst into flames was still smouldering.
- **Smug (Adj.)** (خود پسند، خوش وضع) Too pleased with oneself, Overly self-satisfied
Synonyms: Complacent, Modest, Contented
Antonyms: Modest, Unhappy
Feeling very smug at having helped the blind man cross the street, he did not see the bicycle coming towards him and crashed into it.
- **Snare (n & v)** (پھنساؤ سے کسی پرندے یا چھوٹے جانوروں کو پھنسانا جاتا ہے) A trap for catching animals. Hence, any situation which can trap or deceive
Synonyms: 1. Pitfall, Decoy 2. Enmesh, Entangle, Ensnare
Antonyms: Freedom, Liberation
It was amazing to see how the clever spider snared its prey into its web and finally caught it.
- **Snicker (v)** (دلی دلی سی حقارت آمیز ہنسی ہنسا) To laugh quietly or to oneself in a disrespectful way
Synonyms: Chortle, Chuckle, Giggle, Guffaw, Hee-Haw, Titter
Antonyms: Frown, Scowl
The bully of the class snickered at the little boy who had dared to challenge him in front of the class.
- **Snide (Adj.)** (بھاری کے ساتھ رسوا کرنے والا) Expressing disapproval in an unpleasant or rude way
Synonyms: Slandorous, Derogatory, Insinuating, Libellous, Vicious
Antonyms: Gentle, Kind, Lovable
Because of his drunken behaviour the previous evening, he became the target of quite a few snide remarks at the office.
- **Snipe (v)** (چھپ کر گولی چلاتا) 1. To shoot or fire from a hidden position, 2. To say unpleasant or nasty things
Synonyms: Comeback, Deride, Flout, Mock, Ridicule, Scoff
Antonyms: Praise, Eulogise
- 2. The hassled minister sniped at the media people who had surrounded him and pestered him with questions.

- **Snitch (v)** (غیر اطلاع دینا) To inform secretly. Also, to steal by taking quickly
Synonyms: Squeal, Tattle, Informer, Blabbermouth, Canary, Squealer, Tattler
Antonyms: Conceal, Deny, Disavow
I'll never forgive him for snitching to my boss that I have been playing games on the office computer, when he has been doing the same.
- **Snivel (v)** (چلاتا روئی صورت بنانا) Cry in a miserable and complaining way
Synonyms: Whine, Blubber, Sniff, Sob, Weep
Antonyms: Smile, Laugh
After being beaten by his sister, the child came snivelling to his mother.
- **Snuggle (v)** (پٹ جانا، ہم آغوش ہونا) To settle into a warm and comfortable position
Synonyms: Cuddle, Fondle, Burrow, Nestle, Nuzzle
Antonyms: Separate, Detach
Each night, her little puppy snuggles beside her on the bed as merrily goes off to sleep.
- **Sobriety (n)** (مستیت) The state of being sober, Moderation
Synonyms: Solemnity, Seriousness, Rationality, Sensibility
Antonyms: Inebriation, Carousal
After having four large drinks, he was hardly expected to be in a state of sobriety, so he surprised everyone by delivering the perfect speech even in that state.
- **Sobriquet (n)** (عرف) An unofficial name or title, A nickname
Synonyms: AKA, Alias, Anonym, Byname, Pseudonym
Antonyms: Real Name
Students just love to call their teachers with interesting sobriquets most of which are based on some peculiarity of the teacher.
- **Sodden (Adj.)** (نم آلود) Soaked, Heavy because of being wet, Soggy
Synonyms: Humid, Drenched, Soggy, Steeped, Wet
Antonyms: Dry, Dehydrated
Her thick coat quickly became sodden as she was caught in heavy rain without an umbrella.
- **Sojourn (n & v)** (مقامی قیام) Temporary stay
Synonyms: Repose, Layover, Residence, Stopover, Tarriance
Antonyms: Vacation
I can never forget my sojourn in the city of Kentucky, where I was holed up in a hotel for over three weeks with nothing much to do.
- **Solace (n & v)** (تلی دلاسا) Comfort in grief or anxiety, Consolation
Synonyms: Console, Alleviation, Assuagement, Condolence, Relief
Antonyms: Grieved, Sadden
People who take to drinking as a source of solace hardly realise that this habit itself could one day become the cause of their anxiety and grief.
- **Solecism (n)** (کوئی غلطی یا بے قاعدگی) Mistake in the use of language, Any social blunder
Synonyms: Faux pas, Barbarism, Blunder, Impropriety, Mistake
Antonyms: Accuracy, Correction, Restitution

- We could have won their trust, but just because of his solecism, the conducive conversation soon became an argument.
- **Solemnity** (n) (سنگینگی) Seriousness, Gravity
Synonyms: Austerity, Sobriety, Severity
Antonyms: Levity
 Being a responsible person, he undertakes each and every project with great solemnity.
 - **Solicit** (v) (ایکجا کرنا، التماس کرنا) Request earnestly, Seek
Synonyms: Supplicate, Beseech
Antonyms: Veto
 Being my subordinate, he often comes to me to solicit my advice on any matter pertaining to the office we work in.
 - **Solicitous** (Adj.) (بے تابانہ خواہش مند) Anxious about a person's welfare or comfort
Synonyms: Nervous, Appetent, Fervent, Devoted, Zealous
Antonyms: Apathetic, Indifferent
 The manager is so solicitous for the welfare of the staff, that he often goes out of way to help the employees.
 - **Soliloquy** (n) (خودگفتاری) Talking to oneself
Synonyms: Aside, Discourse, Monologue, Speech
Antonyms: Dialogue
 The actor was speaking so softly that all his dialogues appeared as if they were soliloquies.
 - **Solitude** (n) (جہانگی) State of being alone or solitary
Synonyms: Seclusion, Isolation, Privacy, Silent
Antonyms: Gregariousness
 After two or three months of hard work, I love to spend a weekend of solitude in a faraway place.
 - **Solvent** (Adj.) (تمام واجبی قرضے چکا دینے کے قابل) Able to pay all debts
Synonyms: Firm, Fit, In the Pink, Solid, Stable
Antonyms: Bankrupt, Insolvent
 He is under so much debt that even if he sells off his house, he will not be able to become solvent.
 - **Sombre** (Adj.) (سین، سنجیدہ) Sad and serious, Gloomy, Depressing, Dark
Synonyms: Dismal, Gloomy, Lugubrious, Mournful, Sinister
Antonyms: Gay, Lively
 The film ended on a rather sombre note, with the lead actress dying of cancer and her beloved left brooding and longing for her.
 - **Somnambulist** (n) (خواب خرام) Sleepwalker, Walking or performing other action during sleep
 Unlike other somnambulists, he doesn't just walk in his sleep, but runs all around the house shouting, 'catch me if you can'.
 - **Somnolent** (Adj.) (خواب آور) Causing sleep
Synonyms: Drowsy, Listless, Sleeping, Soporific, Tired
Antonyms: Awaken, Attentive

- His voice had such a somnolent quality to it that most students found it difficult to remain awake through the class.
- **Sonorous** (Adj.) (بلند صوت) Loud-sounding (in a pleasant way)
Synonyms: Resonant, Booming, Loud, Powerful, Resounding, Ringing
Antonyms: Reserved, Restrained
 The anchor person at the award presentation ceremony made a mark for herself with her sonorous voice, and was widely appreciated by one and all.
 - **Sophisticated** (Adj.) (شائستہ، نفیس) Worldly-wise, Experienced in understanding the ways of society
Synonyms: Refined, Jaded, Streetwise, Worldly
Antonyms: Loutish, Rustic
 Though he hails from a village, his sophisticated behaviour has amazed us all, and now we suspect that he has previously lived in the city.
 - **Sophistry** (n) (نظاہر درست لیکن باطن غلط استدلال) Clever and subtle, but misleading reasoning
Synonyms: Sophism, Deception, Fallacy, Misconception
Antonyms: Honesty, Truthfulness
 In an obvious case of sophistry, the minister is trying to explain the irrational decision to grant more subsidies as being done for the general good of the people.
 - **Soporific** (Adj.) (خواب آور) Sleep-inducing, Marked by sleepiness
Synonyms: Sedative, Narcotic, Hypnotic, Tranquil
Antonyms: Energiser, Stimulant
 To make sure that he doesn't disturb anybody during the night, as he is used to, the doctor decided to give the patient a soporific medicine.
 - **Sordid** (Adj.) (کینہ، خود غرض) 1. In very poor condition 2. Wicked and dishonourable
Synonyms: 1. Abject, Squalid 2. Vile
Antonyms: Magnificent
 The sordid tale of him being duped and killed by his brother soon spread all over the town, and the culprit was immediately handed over to the police.
 - **Sotto voce** (Adj. & Adv) (دلی دلی آواز میں) Under the breath, privately
Synonyms: Quietly, Softly, Inaudibly, Gently, Faintly, Indistinctly
Antonyms: Loudly, Noisily
 Though the remark was made sotto voce, I was able to figure out that he was greatly pained at her decision.
 - **Southpaw** (n) (بائیں ہاتھ سے گیند بھینکنے والا) A left-handed person
Synonyms: Ambilevous
 Though Alex is a southpaw, he can work as well with his right hand.
 - **Spa** (n) (سعدنی پشہ) Place with a curative mineral spring
Synonyms: Sauna, Resort, Lodge
 The doctor advised him to visit a spa in Bhoorban, where the water had an almost magical quality to cure any kind of skin disease.

- **Spangle** (n & v) (سٹرلنگ لٹا) Small metallic piece sewn to clothing for ornamentation. Hence, covered and sparkling, as if with spangles.
Synonyms: Sequin, Shimmer, Adorn, Coruscate, Trim, Twinkle
Antonyms: Dullness
The hillside was spangled with tiny yellow flowers.
- **Spar** (v) (مکافڑی کرنا) Fight with fists, esp. for practice. Also, to exchange words as if in a quarrel (but usu. friendly)
Synonyms: Argue, Quarrel, Box, Fight
Antonyms: Surrender, Yield
What started as a friendly sparring of words soon became a full-fledged fistfight, and poor Arnold had blood flowing out of his nose in no time.
- **Sparse** (Adj.) (چھدر، کم گنتیاں) Not thick, Thinly scattered
Synonyms: Meagre, Scanty, Dispersed, Exiguous, Skimpy, Sporadic
Antonyms: Full, Lush, Plentiful
This is an extremely dry region; the sparse vegetation here consists only of thorny bushes and shrubs.
- **Spartan** (Adj.) (نظم و ضبط، پختہ مزاجی) Avoiding luxury and comfort, Sternly disciplined
Synonyms: Austere, Disciplined, Frugal, Undaunted
Antonyms: Luxurious, Opulent
His spartan attitude to life has been a matter of worry for his wife who had always lived a life of luxury and comfort before marriage.
- **Spasmodic** (Adj.) (تشنجی) Characterised by fitfulness, Not continuous or regular
Synonyms: Intermittent, Sporadic, Irregular, Spastic
Antonyms: Resting, Uninterrupted
Other than a few spasmodic attempts at jogging, he has hardly ever exercised.
- **Spate** (n) (سیلاب کی طرح کوئی اچانک اچھا) Sudden flood or strong outburst, A large number or amount
Synonyms: Flood, Flurry, Outpouring, Torrent, Wave
Antonyms: Scantiness
Because of the poor lighting facilities on the highway, there has been a spate of accidents in the last one month.
- **Spatial** (Adj.) (مکانی نصابی) Relating to space
He was diagnosed as having spatial disability; he had difficulty in figuring out where things were in relation to other things.
- **Spatula** (n) (ایک اوزار جو مکیں میں چیزوں کو ملائے اور پھیلانے کے لیے استعمال ہوتا ہے) Broad-bladed instrument used for spreading or mixing
It is a common precautionary practice among the students doing practical in the laboratory to use a spatula for mixing or spreading chemicals, to make sure that their hands remain clean and unharmed.
- **Spawn** (v & n) (حجم مانی) 1. To lay eggs (usu. used for fish and other water animals) 2. To bring into existence
Synonyms: Progeny, Create, Hatch, Originate, Procreate, Reproduce
Antonyms: Destroy, Devastate

- The business of Medical Transcription is doing so well that the Institute of Medical Transcription has decided to spawn nearly twenty different centres all over the town.
- **Specious** (Adj.) (نظاہر خوش نما) Seemingly good, right or true but actually not so
Synonyms: Ostensible, Presumable, Meretricious, Professed
Antonyms: Void, Annulled
The logic that credit card retailers use to sell their product can only be described as specious, because even though it brings a lot of convenience, it can make a user a habitual spender and ridden in debt.
 - **Spectre** (n) (ہموت، ہیرت) Something that is unseen and imagined and causes fear. Literally, a ghost
Synonyms: Demon, Doppelganger, Phantom, Spirit, Vision
Antonyms: Human
The horrible spectre of communal riots still looms large over the country; it needs a small incident to spark violence in the name of religion.
 - **Spendthrift** (n) (فصول خرچ) Someone who wastes money recklessly
Synonyms: Prodigal, Profligate, Squander, Spendthrift
Antonyms: Thrifty, Miser
Had he not been a spendthrift, he could have saved his father's hard-earned money and utilised it in something better, but now he will have to beg for money.
 - **Spiel** (n) (مبالغہ یافتہ زبان سے باتیں کرتے چلے جانا) Fast talk, meant to persuade
Synonyms: Discourse, Dissertation, Lecture, Oration
Antonyms: Book
Even before the salesman could begin his well-rehearsed spiel about his product, she banged the door on him.
 - **Spike** (n & v) (ایسی مضبوط سیکیل یا نیچ) A long and pointed metallic object
Synonyms: Dowel, Skewer, Pin
Antonyms: Axe
The walls of his mansion had large pointed spikes all over them to prevent any intruder from entering.
 - **Spike** (v) (کسی مشروب میں شراب یا انگول ملا دینا) To make stronger by adding alcohol, or to add flavour or interest
Synonyms: Stake, Impale, Amalgamate, Attenuate, Blend
Antonyms: Purify
He spikes his speeches with large doses of earthy humour, which adds to his popularity among the rural masses.
 - **Spinster** (n) (وہ غیر شادی شدہ عورت جو شادی کی عموماً عمر گزار چکی ہو) An unmarried woman, usu. of past marriageable age
Synonyms: Bachelor Girl, Lone Woman, Old Maid, Single Woman, Virgin
Antonyms: Married Woman, Wife
Though she is the eldest of all her sisters, she prefers to remain a spinster till all her sisters get married.

- **Spite** (نکبت) (نکبت) To annoy or harm someone intentionally
Hence the desire to do this
Synonyms: Malevolence, Rancour, Animosity 2 Bear Throat
Antonyms: Graciously Appear
It was most rude of him to openly spite his son-in-law for being poor
- **Splay** (نکبت) (نکبت) To spread out or expand
Synonyms: Widen, Broaden, Grow, Splay
Antonyms: Condense, Contract, Curtail
In one graceful movement, the ballerina bent backwards, splayed out on the ground with her head, and splayed her arms wide.
- **Splenic** (Adj.) (نکبت) (نکبت) II) tempered, Easily angered
Synonyms: Biloous, Irascible, Choleric
Antonyms: Pleasant, Temperate
Because of his splenic nature, nobody argues with him, nobody knows when he would get angered
- **Splice** (نکبت) (نکبت) Fasten together, Unite
Synonyms: Shackle, Connect, Bind, Amalgamate
Antonyms: Separate, Sever
The Scout spliced the pieces of ropes so well that it became almost impossible to segregate them.
- **Splurge** (نکبت) (نکبت) To overspend
Synonyms: Celebrate, Indulge, Binge, Fling, Rampage, Spread
Antonyms: Hoard, Save
He splurged all the money he had in buying a camera without even thinking that the same camera could have been bought for a lower price.
- **Spoilation** (نکبت) (نکبت) Plunder, Violent and intentional destruction
Synonyms: Pillage, Despoil, Corruption
Antonyms: Cure, Healing, Purification
The destruction of Buddhist statues in Afghanistan has been described as an act of shameless spoilation done with the intention of attracting world attention.
- **Spontaneous** (Adj.) (نکبت) (نکبت) Happening naturally, without any external influence, Unplanned
Synonyms: Candid, Impromptu, Unpretentious
Antonyms: Factitious, Deliberated
As soon as she ended her wonderful little speech, the entire crowd spontaneously got up from their seats and gave her a thunderous applause.
- **Spoof** (نکبت) (نکبت) Depiction of something serious in a humorous way
Synonyms: Parody, Burlesque, Caricature, Jest, Lampoon
Antonyms: Original, Reality
On Fools' Day, the TV channel played a spoof on its viewers by including in its news bulletin a report on the finding of life on Mars.

- **Spoonerism** (نکبت) (نکبت) Accidental interchange of the initial letters of two words, often with a funny result
Synonyms: Mispoking, Solecism, Sui Linguine
Antonyms: The term spoonerism comes from the Rev. William Spooner, who was known for muddling up words; he said don't miss your mystery classes when he meant don't miss your history classes!
- **Sporadic** (Adj.) (نکبت) (نکبت) Occurring irregularly
Synonyms: Intermittent, Spasmodic, Rare
Antonyms: Frequent, Continual, Continuous
The 12-hour curfew was marked by sporadic incidents of violence, but other than that it was largely peaceful.
- **Sprightly** (Adj.) (نکبت) (نکبت) Lively, full of energy
Synonyms: Vivacious, Agile, Blithe, Chipper, Frolicsome, Scintillating, Zippy
Antonyms: Languid, Inactive, Lethargic
My maternal grandfather is a sprightly old man of seventy, who loves to joke around and even share a beer with his teenaged grandchildren.
- **Spry** (Adj.) (نکبت) (نکبت) Vigorously active, Lively
Synonyms: Agile, Nimble
Antonyms: Torpid, Lethargic, Sluggish
He was amazingly spry for a man of seventy years.
- **Spurious** (Adj.) (نکبت) (نکبت) Not genuine, False, Counterfeit, Forged
Synonyms: Apocryphal, Counterfeit, Imitation, Forged
Antonyms: Authentic, Genuine
He faces the charge of manufacturing and selling spurious medicines, an accusation that can land him in prison for several years.
- **Spurn** (نکبت) (نکبت) To reject or decline with disdain
Synonyms: Renounce, Despise, Rebuff, Rebuke
Antonyms: Embrace, Want, Welcome
She spurned all his offers of help, and preferred to carry the entire baggage herself.
- **Squabble** (نکبت) (نکبت) Minor quarrel, esp. over something unimportant
Synonyms: Bickering, Altercation, Wrangling, Controversy
Antonyms: Agreement, Concurrence
Though it all started with a squabble on a petty issue, it soon turned into a major property dispute.
- **Squalid** (Adj.) (نکبت) (نکبت) Dirty and unpleasant
Synonyms: Sordid, Abject, Dejected
Antonyms: Splendid, Pleasant, Tidy
Despite several complaints by the patients regarding the squalid condition of the hospital, no action has yet been taken to improve the prevalent condition.
- **Squander** (نکبت) (نکبت) Spend money, time etc. wastefully
Synonyms: Dissipate, Waste, Spend
Antonyms: Stint

Only an absolute fool could have squandered all his savings on playing the stock market.

- **Squat** (v & n) (بٹنی مار بیٹھا) 1. To sit in a low crouching position with the knees bent 2. To live in an empty dwelling without having the authority to do so
Synonyms: Chunky, Dumpy, Thick, Thickset
Antonyms: Lanky, Skinny, Slender
- 1. Five or six people were squatting by the fire to protect themselves from the cold when the police reached the spot.
 2. They have been squatting in this apartment for nearly a year now without paying any rent.
- **Squeal** (v & n) (کی تڑپ) To make a long, very high pitched sound or cry
Synonyms: Shriek, Cheep, Howl, Rasp, Scream
Antonyms: Laugh, Giggle
 The child showed no fear when he first saw the doctor, but when the doctor applied tincture of iodine on his wound, he squealed in pain.
- **Squeamish** (Adj.) (زورج یا دوس) Easily offended, shocked or disgusted
Synonyms: Finical, Nauseated, Captious, Vertiginous
Antonyms: Ready, Willing
 Being really squeamish, she just could not stand the sight of the butcher cutting the meat and left the market in a hurry.
- **Squirm** (v) (پچ و تپ کمانا) To twist the body about, esp. from shame, nervousness, or discomfort
Synonyms: Wriggle, Writhe, Contort
Antonyms: Relax, Rest
 The newly-appointed secretary messed up his speech, and the President seated next to him was seen squirming with embarrassment.
- **Squirt** (v) (انگنا، پھکاری دینا) To force out a liquid in a thin stream
Synonyms: Surge, Spew, Emit, Flow
Antonyms: Fill in
 The naughty children of the class often pestered the meek teacher, and yesterday, when they squirted some ink on his back, he became really furious and decided to complain to the principal.
- **Staid** (Adj.) (غیر دلچسپ یا غیر مخطوط کن) Serious and dull, Uninteresting, Sober
Synonyms: Sedate, Demure, Grim, Grave
Antonyms: Frivolous, Flighty
 The marketing manager of the newspaper realised that the newspaper was perceived as a rather staid source of information, and has hence recommended that it should be made more colourful and lively to interest young readers.
- **Stalemate** (n) (قتل، متعلق صورت حال) Deadlock, A no-win situation
Synonyms: Deadlock, Impasse
Antonyms: Progress
 The discussions between the two warring groups reached a stalemate as neither was willing to relent on their basic demands.

- **Stalwart** (Adj.) (پختہ ارادے کا، بہ عزم، ساتھ نہ چھوڑنے والا) Strong in mind or body, Determined
Synonyms: Robust, Vigorous
Antonyms: Meek, Weak
 Shane Warne, one of the stalwarts of Australian cricket and a great spin bowler, set up a cricketing academy after retiring from the game.
- **Stanch** (v) (کسی چیز کا بہاؤ روکنا یا انحصار خون کا) To check the flow of (usu.) blood
 He pressed hard on the wound to stanch the flow of blood, but the blood kept oozing out.
- **Statute** (n) (قانون، آئین، دستور) Law enacted by the legislature
Synonyms: Enactment, Decree, Ordinance
Antonyms: Morals
 By passing this statute, the government has effectively overruled the earlier regulation regarding control of exchange rates in the country.
- **Steadfast** (Adj.) (مستحکم، مضبوط پختہ) Firm and unchanging, Loyal
Synonyms: Unwavering, Consistent, Unchanging, Dedicated, Intense, Staunch
Antonyms: Inconsistent, Capricious, Wavering
 The three friends have remained steadfast through the years, sharing their joys and sorrows, and helping each other in times of need.
- **Steep** (v) (کسی مائع شے میں خوب تر کرنا یا ڈبونا) To fill with, Soak, Saturate. Hence, to be completely surrounded by something
Synonyms: Precipitate, Arduous, Abrupt
Antonyms: Dry, Dehydrate
 The main reason for the failure of the company's new venture was that all the managers running the new company had been drawn from the older one, and they were steeped in the old ways of doing things.
- **Stellar** (Adj.) (ستاروں سے متعلق) 1. Pertaining to the stars 2. Excellent, Outstanding
Synonyms: Astrological, Astronomical, Outstanding, Heavenly
Antonyms: Geology, Banal
 2. Fahad has come up with a stellar performance in the new film released yesterday, and I won't be surprised if he is nominated for an award for this role.
- **Stem** (v) (روکنا یا باز رکھنے نہ دینا) Check the flow of something
Synonyms: Thwart, Halt, Stop
Antonyms: Allow Permit
 The new government has resolved to stem the increasing instances of illegal immigration into the country.
- **Stentorian** (Adj.) (بہت اونچی آواز زوردار آواز لیے ہوئے) Extremely loud, With a powerful voice
Synonyms: Thunderous, Resonant, Blaring, Resounding, Sonorous
Antonyms: Inaudible, Low, Quiet
 The little children were rather scared of the new Science teacher because of his booming, stentorian voice but as they interacted with him, they found him to be extremely likable and friendly.

- **Stereotype** (ن و ت) (تکسٹ یا تصویر کی یہ قیادہ کی بات) Fixed and unvarying representation
Hence, to regard as an example of a general type
Synonyms: Conventional, Methodical
Antonyms: Differentiate, Dissimilate
Far from being the stereotypical housewife as he thought his aunt to be.
Mrs. Laeeq runs an advertising agency all by herself.
- **Stifle** (ت) (دم گھونٹ کر دینا) 1. To be unable to breathe comfortably. To choke.
To suppress, Prevent from happening or developing
Synonyms: Suffocate, Choke, Garrote
Antonyms: Elicit
The workers trapped in the factory after the leakage of gas stifled to death as there were no safety outlets and the factory had hardly any ventilators.
- **Stigma** (ن) (دش نامہ یا بدنامی) Feeling of disgrace or dishonour
Synonyms: Humiliation, Odium, Onus, Reproach, Contempt
Antonyms: Credit, Pride
Many people believe that being left-handed is a stigma, and if they see that their child is tending to be so, they even use force to make the child 'normal'.
- **Stilted** (Adj.) (بہت رسمی اور غیر فطری لکھنے یا بولنے کا انداز) Very formal and unnatural (usu. of a style of writing or speaking)
Synonyms: Pompous, Pedantic, Pretentious, Awkward
Antonyms: Genuine, Honest, True
The film was a dubbed version of a successful Hollywood movie, and the dialogues sounded rather stilted and unnatural because they had been translated word for word from the original.
- **Stint** (ن) (کسی معینہ وقت کے لیے تفویض کیا گیا کام) An assigned portion of work
Synonyms: Allotment, Assignment, Quota, Task
Antonyms: Absolve
As per the rules of the navy, every naval officer has to complete a six-month overseas stint before being promoted to the rank of a Commander.
- **Stint** (ت) (کسی خاص مقدار یا تعداد تک محدود کر دینا) To set limits to, Give too small an amount of
Synonyms: Confine, Grudge, Limit, Scrape, Scrimp Squirrel
Antonyms: Squander
The company chairman has been accused of stinting on matters of safety of the workers in the factory.
- **Stipend** (ن) (دفعہ) Fixed periodical money allowance for work done
Synonyms: Gratuity, Subsidy
Antonyms: Penalty
As a management trainee, he drew a sum of Rs. 15000 per month as stipend, and as soon as he was confirmed, he started drawing a salary of Rs. 40000 per month.
- **Stipulate** (ت) (کوئی کام کرنے یا نہ کرنے کا اقرار یا عہد کرنا) To set necessary conditions, To specify
Synonyms: Contract, Impose, Particularise, Specify
Antonyms: Imply, Wish

- The will stipulates that she can live in the house for the rest of her life
(دیکھ کر کہ سے بے نیاز رہا میں پرانا) Unmoved by joy or grief, Not showing any feelings
Stoic (ن) (بے حس، کٹھن، بے احساس) Showing no excitement, Not reacting
Synonyms: Impassive, Solid, Complacent
Antonyms: Passionate
The Wimbledon champion is known for being amazingly restrained in display of emotions — he is equally stoical in victory as he is in defeat.
- **Stolid** (Adj.) (بے حس، کٹھن، بے احساس) Showing no excitement, Not reacting
Synonyms: Impassive, Stoic, Pokerfaced, Deadpan
Antonyms: Enthusiast, Aficionado
The new principal of our school is a very serious, stolid old man, much in contrast with his predecessor who was fun-loving and jovial.
- **Stooge** (ن) (کسی کے لیے کام کرنا) A person who habitually does what another person wants
Synonyms: Dummy, Farceur, Gagster, Punster
Antonyms: Real, Genuine
The newly appointed managing director of the company is widely regarded as a stooge of the chairperson of the company, and is hardly expected to take any independent decisions.
- **Straddle** (ت) (کسی معاملہ میں دو طرفہ ہونا، ناگیں پھیلنا، چلنا، بیٹھنا یا کھڑے ہونا) 1. To be or happen on either side of something, rather than on just one side or in the middle.
2. To be undecided on an issue, or to not let one's opinion be known
Synonyms: Bstride, Hedge, Mount, Sprawl, Stride
Antonyms: Continue, Go
1. When you are halfway across a fence, you straddle it.
2. The opposition leader has accused the defence minister of straddling the issue, and has demanded a forthright statement from him.
- **Strafe** (ت) (حملہ آور جہازوں کے ذریعے مشین گنوں سے گولیاں برساتا) To attack with gunfire from a low-flying aircraft
Synonyms: Rummage, Ransack, Barrage, Cannonade, Pound
Antonyms: Guard, Help, Protect
The expert airman took his aircraft low, strafed the enemy squadron with a powerful machine gun, and swooped back high into the air within a few seconds.
- **Straggle** (ت) (جانوروں یا آدمیوں کا ادھر ادھر بے مقصد آوارہ چرنا) To move or spread untidily and in small numbers or amounts
Synonyms: Traverse, Rove, Dawdle, Maunder, Ramble, Trail
Antonyms: Hurry, Run, Rush
Eight months after their homes were devastated by the powerful earthquake, some residents of the area are slowly straggling back to their villages in the hope of rebuilding their lives, but most have decided to settle down in other localities.
- **Straitjacket** (ن) (جکڑ جیٹ، کوئی چیز آزادانہ حرکت سے روکنے) Something which prevents free development
Synonyms: Abridgment, Bondage, Confinement, Impediment, Reduction
Antonyms: Freedom, Liberation

- ... years, the master politician has refused to be fitted into an ideological straitjacket, shrewdly altering his stance according to changing public opinions.
- **Strangle (v)** (گھاگھونٹ کر مار دینا) To kill by pressing on the throat with bare hands or by a rope etc.
Synonyms: Asphyxiate, Throttle, Garrote, Stifle
Antonyms: Free, Loose
The psychic killer uses a Guitar-string to strangle his victims, the marks of the string are clearly visible on their necks.
 - **Strapping (Adj.)** (تھومند، توانا) Tall and healthy, Big and strong
Synonyms: Buxom, Brawny, Hulking, Robust, Amazon
Antonyms: Attenuated, Skinny, Thin
Many western movies used to end with the handsome and strapping cowboy riding his horse away from the camera towards the horizon, after performing some brave deeds or fighting against evil forces.
 - **Stratagem (n)** (بجی حکمت عملی، چال، حیلہ) A clever plan to deceive or to take advantage
Synonyms: Artifice, Brainchild, Device, Feint, Gambit, Intrigue
Antonyms: Ingenuousness, Innocence
He thought he had hit upon a clever stratagem to beat the competition, but his boss pointed out several flaws in his plan.
 - **Stratify (v)** (معاشرتی لحاظ کے مطابق معاشرے کی طبقہ بندی کرنا) Divide into classes, Arrange in separate levels
Synonyms: Flake, Laminate, Plate, Grade
Antonyms: Jumble
Rural Pakistan is a highly stratified society, with clear distinctions between various castes and classes.
 - **Strew (v)** (ادھر ادھر پھینک دینا) Distribute randomly, Scatter irregularly and all over
Synonyms: Disseminate, Scatter, Disperse
Antonyms: Collect, Gather
As the wind blew, the sheets of paper strewn in all the directions; it took us more than half an hour to collect them and arrange them in order.
 - **Striated (Adj.)** (دھاری دار، پٹی دار) Having narrow stripes or colours
Synonyms: Ribbed, Streak, Dapple, Marble, Stripe, Variegate, Vein
Antonyms: Plain, Unadorned
Instead of choosing a plain shirt, he opted for a striated one for the party.
 - **Stricture (n)** (سخت تنقید، شدید کٹھ پتلی یا اعتراض) 1. Adverse criticism, Expression of blame. 2. Something that severely restricts
Synonyms: Animadversion, Blame, Condemnation, Reprobation
Antonyms: Exoneration, Acquittal
1. The Taliban authorities in Afghanistan were unmoved in their decision to destroy the Buddhist statues, despite severe strictures from the rest of the world.
2. The leading film analyst has described the censor board as a stricture on the freedom of expression, as has called for dismantling the board.

- **Strident (Adj.)** (کان کے پردے پھاڑ دینے والی آواز، جڑ جڑا ہٹ) 1. Harsh-sounding 2. Forceful
Synonyms: Shrill, Boisterous, Clamorous, Raucous, Squeaky
Antonyms: Euphonious, Pleasant
1. His ideas on religion were rather harsh, and when he expressed them in his strident voice, they came across even harsher.
2. Unfazed by the strident criticism of his new book, the flamboyant author has just announced that he plans to write a sequel to it.
- **Strife (n)** (جھگڑا، الجھاؤ، تصادم) Conflict, Struggle
Synonyms: Altercation, Contention, Emulation, Squabble, Wrangling
Antonyms: Truce, Harmony, Victory
The Missionaries of Peace arrived with medicines, food, and other essential items in the strife-torn region, where the lives of hundreds of innocent people had been ravaged because of the war.
- **Stringent (Adj.)** (کڑا، سخت) Strict and severe, Making difficult demands
Synonyms: Rigorous, Acrimonious, Severe, Acerbic
Antonyms: Lenient, Yielding, Submissive
Alarmed by the falling attendance levels in the college, the principal decided to impose stringent measures to ensure that students attend all classes.
- **Strut (v & n)** (اکڑ کھانا، عقش کا مظاہرہ کرنا) To walk proudly and stiffly, while trying to look important
Synonyms: Prance, Swagger
Antonyms: Humiliate
The lanky youth eagerly strutted around the dance floor, trying to attract the attention of the group of girls standing on the opposite side of the dance hall.
- **Studied (Adj.)** (سوچی سمجھی، دانستہ، جان بوجھ کر) Thoughtful, Not spontaneous, Deliberate
Synonyms: Deliberate, Conscious, Mindful
Antonyms: Haphazard, Incautious
The lawyer read out the contents of the will slowly and rather dramatically, with a studied pause before each startling revelation.
- **Stultify (v)** (بالکل بے کار و بے اثر کر دینا، کو شش وغیرہ) To prevent something from developing into its best possible state
Synonyms: Invalidate, Nullify
Antonyms: Animate, Validate
Our economy is still suffering from the stultifying effects of years of government control and regulation.
- **Stupefy (v)** (ہد حواس کر دینا، دم بخود کر دینا) To take by surprise, Stun, Amaze
Synonyms: Flabbergast, Astonish, Overwhelm, Intimidate, Dazzle
Antonyms: Bore, Calm, Expect
The people on the beach watched stupefied as the huge shark suddenly emerged out of the water and grabbed the unfortunate swimmer in its huge jaws.

- **Stupor (n)** (سکتہ، سکتے کی حالت) State of senselessness, Daze
Synonyms: Coma, Bewilderment, Hypnosis, Inertia, Somnolence, Trance
Antonyms: Consciousness, Sensibility
He had been awake for nearly 24 hours, and there was still work to be done, so he tried to shake off his stupor by repeated cups of strong coffee.
- **Stygian (Adj.)** (بیمابک، غمیں اور افسردہ) Dark and gloomy
Synonyms: Murky, Dejected, Brunet, Obsidian, Starless
Antonyms: Brilliant, Illuminated
A pall of Stygian gloom descended on the small town when local tennis champion lost in the semi finals of Wimbledon, after leading in two sets and having a great run of games till then.
- **Stymie (v)** (کسی کو کچھ کرنے سے روکنا) To prevent from taking action
Synonyms: Thwart, Halt, Impede, Nonplus, Obstruct
Antonyms: Foster, Encourage, Help
His obstinate refusal to hand over to us the documents effectively stymied our efforts of gathering evidence against the wrong-doers.
- **Suave (Adj.)** (خوش اطوار، خوش اخلاق) Having smooth and polished manners
Synonyms: Unctuous, Voluble, Dainty, Sophisticated
Antonyms: Boorish, Banal
The suave young Vice-President of the company is smart enough to be a model, instead he has preferred to make great strides in the corporate world.
- **Subjugate (v)** (مطیع کرنا، زیر کرنا) Defeat and make obedient, Bring under control
Synonyms: Vanquish, Coerce, Enslave, Overcome, Quell, Triumph
Antonyms: Surrender, Yield
Through their policy of Divide-and-Rule, the British imperialists effectively subjugated the possibility of any uprising against them.
- **Sublime (Adj.)** (اعلیٰ معیار کا) Causing deep feelings of wonder, joy etc.
Synonyms: Majestic, Virtuous, Maverick
Antonyms: Lowly, Secondary
This collection contains a sampling of the wide variety of poetry written in the last fifty years -- from the absolute sublime to the absolute trash.
- **Subliminal (Adj.)** (ذہن کو متاثر کرنے والے) Below the level of conscious awareness
Synonyms: Clairvoyant, Ideological, Imaginative, Psychic, Unreal
Antonyms: Bodily, Physical
They decided that the Prime Minister would be interviewed with a backdrop of industry and rice field, sending the subliminal message to be people that he cared for workers and farmers.
- **Submissive (Adj.)** (اطاعت شعار) Too willing to agree and obey, Timid
Synonyms: Meek, Amenable, Docile, Yielding
Antonyms: Recalcitrant, Dominant, Unyielding
If you expect to find a quiet and submissive wife who would obey all your

- **Subordinate (Adj., n & v)** (ناجست) Occupying a lower rank, Inferior, Submissive
Synonyms: Insignificant, Inferior, Subsidiary, Secondary
Antonyms: Superior, Significant
His subordinates are rather upset at him because he is very bad at delegating work; he wants to do everything himself.
- **Subpoena (n & v)** (پہ داندہ حاضری، من کے ذریعے حاضر عدالت ہونے کا حکم دینا) A written order to attend a court of law
Synonyms: Citation, Summons, Decree, Warrant
Antonyms: Transgression, Violation
He has been subpoenaed thrice to testify before the judge in the court, but each time he has chosen to ignore the subpoena.
- **Subservient (Adj.)** (اطاعت شہاد) 1. Behaving like a slave, Tending to obey others' wishes. 2. Of lesser importance
Synonyms: 1. Servile, Obsequious 2. Subordinate
Antonyms: Supercilious, Termagant
Even though the small country is politically independent, it has no choice but to remain subservient to the wishes and demands of its powerful neighbour.
- **Subside (v)** (ڈوب جانا یا تیش گر جانا) Settle down, Become less, Grow quiet
Synonyms: Recede, Collapse, Decline, Descend, Melt, Moderate
Antonyms: Grow, Increase, Rise
He strictly warned him that if he did not take the medicine in time, the pain would not subside.
- **Subsidiary (Adj. & n)** (معاون، ہم، نائب) Related to, but of lesser importance than, the main work, plan etc.
Synonyms: Auxiliary, Ancillary, Appurtenant
Antonyms: Main, Principal
In addition to the main condition imposed by the company to him for giving him the job, there are some subsidiary conditions too.
- **Subsidy (n)** (اعانت، کسی حکومت کی طرف سے کسی تنظیم کو دی گئی امدادی رقم) Direct financial aid by government
Synonyms: Subvention, Alimony, Bequest, Endowment, Premium, Tribute
Antonyms: Hindrance, Impediment
After the severe criticism against them, the finance minister has decided to cut back on the subsidies he has granted to the public sector.
- **Subsistence (n)** (روزنی، ذریعہ معاش) Existence, Means of support, Livelihood
Synonyms: Endurance, Sustenance, Continuance
Antonyms: Deadness
Most people in these villages are landless peasants, working on others' fields and rearing cattle for subsistence.
- **Substantiate (v)** (قرائن اور دلائل سے ثابت کرنا) Establish the truth of something by giving proof, Verify, Support
Synonyms: Authenticate, Validate, Corroborate
Antonyms: (Substantial): Tenuous, Frothy
His allegation against the manager of the team became a matter of embarrassment for him.

substantiate his claim that the manager was partial towards some members of the team.

- **Subsume** (v) (اطلاق کرتا) Bring or include under a particular classification
Synonyms: Include, Classify, Contain, Incorporate, Involve
Antonyms: Disembody, Disintegrate, Exclude
 Soldiers from different countries have been subsumed into the UN Peace Keeping Force.
- **Subterfuge** (n) (حیلہ، داک، دھوکا) A secret trick or dishonest way of doing something
Synonyms: Deception, Chicanery, Duplicity, Hypocrisy
Antonyms: Honesty, Openness
 When he did not succeed in getting the property by straight-forward methods, he resorted to the use of subterfuge to obtain it.
- **Subtle** (Adj.) (دقیق) Not easy to notice, understand or explain, Done quietly and without catching any attention
Synonyms: Perspicacious, Restrained, Understated, Delicate
Antonyms: Conspicuous
 She would be absolutely devastated by the news of her son's death, we'll have to break the news to her really subtly.
- **Subvention** (n) (اعانت مالی) A grant of money, esp. from the government or a foundation
Synonyms: Subsidy, Allotment, Benefaction, Donation, Endowment, Stipend
Antonyms: Refusal, Rejection
 Thanks to a generous subvention from the World Bank, the charitable trust for the care of the disabled has managed to sustain itself for past several years.
- **Subversive** (Adj. & n) (تخریب، تخریبی) 1. Tending to overthrow, Destructive 2. Person seeking to overthrow or destroy
Synonyms: Rebellious, Seditious, Insurgent, Perfidious, Treasonous
Antonyms: Yielding, Conforming
 The military government of the country has managed to effectively overpower the subversive elements within its ranks, which were out to grab power by staging a coup.
- **Succinct** (Adj.) (مختصر، جامع) Expressed in few words
Synonyms: Pithy, Laconic, Compacted, Concise
Antonyms: Verbose, Garrulous, Superfluous
 He tried to persuade her with all his flattery, but instead of wasting time with him, she gave him a direct and succinct no for an answer.
- **Succour** (n & v) (امداد، کمک) Aid given at time of need or difficulty
Synonyms: Aid, Help, Relief, Support, Sustenance
Antonyms: Harm, Hinder
 Help has been pouring in from all directions to provide succour the victims of the massive earthquake.
- **Succulent** (Adj.) (دس والا، دسلا) Juicy, Tasteful
Synonyms: Epicurean, Juicy, Delicious, Luscious, Tasty
Antonyms: Unappetising, Unsavoury

He was biting into a succulent mango as his younger sister watched with longing eyes.

- **Succumb** (v) (مغلوب ہو جانا) Give in to something or someone, Yield, To stop opposing. Also, to die
Synonyms: Concede, Yield, Surrender
Antonyms: Impede, Dominate
 He was still alive when the ambulance arrived, but when he was taken to the hospital, he succumbed to his injuries.
- **Suffrage** (n) (حق رائے دہی) The right to vote in the national elections
Synonyms: Attestation, Ballot, Consensus, Franchise, Petition, Prayer
Antonyms: Candidature
 Pakistan has a system of Universal Adult Suffrage, wherein all citizens above the age of 18 have the right to vote in the general elections.
- **Suffuse** (v) (پھیلنا، منتشر کرنا) To spread over or throughout
Synonyms: Pervade, Impregnate, Disperse, Disseminate
Antonyms: Drain, Empty
 In a voice suffused with passion, he narrated the story of his life to a captive audience.
- **Sullen** (Adj.) (رد مکہ، افسردہ) 1. Silently resentful or angry 2. Gloomy, Unpleasant
Synonyms: Morose, Vexatious, Ominous Dismal
Antonyms: Jocular, Jubilant
 His innocent face expressed sullen resentment over his arrest for no fault of his.
- **Sully** (v) (دراغ دار کرنا، میل کرنا) To spoil or reduce the image of something
Synonyms: Defile, Desecrate, Smudge, Stain,
Antonyms: Enhance, Praise
 Hansie Cronje was known to be one of the best cricketers of the world, but the match-fixing scandal has sullied his reputation.
- **Sultry** (Adj.) (گرم، سخت) Hot and sweaty, Sweltering
Synonyms: Humid, Scorching, Clammy, Roasting
Antonyms: Hyperborean
 I can never imagine how the cricketers manage to play the game for the whole day in such hot and sultry conditions.
- **Sumptuous** (Adj.) (گراں قیمت، قیمتی) Rich and costly, Luxurious
Synonyms: Extravagant, Grandiose
Antonyms: Spartan, Ascetic
 Even by his luxurious standards, the meal at the party was extremely sumptuous – steaming platters of meat, rich desserts, and countless bottles of wine.
- **Superannuated** (Adj.) (ملازمت سے بیکدوش) Retired on account of age, esp. with a pension. Also, too old to be useful or efficient
Synonyms: Retired, Outdated
Antonyms: Novel, Recent
 His kind of music became outdated long ago – why are you still so interested in that superannuated musician?

- **Supercilious (Adj.)** (مکبر، غرور مند) Having a superior attitude, Arrogant
Synonyms: Haughty, Cavalier, Condescending
Antonyms: Humble, Subservient
 I never like eating in this restaurant as the waiters here seem to have a rather supercilious attitude – it almost seems as if they are doing you a great favour by serving you.
- **Superficial (Adj.)** (سطحی) On the surface, Shallow, Not thorough or complete
Synonyms: Hypocritical, Hollow
Antonyms: Profound, Basic
 I could see that his interest in my paintings was only superficial; he was clearly preoccupied with something else in his mind.
- **Superfluous (Adj.)** (غیر ضروری، زائد) Unnecessary, Excessive, Not needed or wanted
Synonyms: Redundant, Abundant, Copious, Plentiful
Antonyms: Dearth, Paucity
 The editor asked him to rewrite the article, making it crisper and more precise, and said that the second paragraph could almost entirely be deleted as it was superfluous.
- **Superimpose (v)** (کسی شے پر کسی اور شے کو لاکر رکھ دینا) Place over something else
Synonyms: Carpet, Cover, Overlap
Antonyms: Unveil, Expose
 In a clear case of fraud, they had superimposed a picture of someone else's body with that of her face, apparently to bring disrepute to her.
- **Supersede (v)** (ہٹا کر آجانا) To take the place of someone or something, Replace
Synonyms: Invert, Swap, Replace, Repudiate, Usurp
Antonyms: Accept, Lower, Submit
 The decision of the top management to supersede the general manager with a relatively inexperienced manager seems rather arbitrary.
- **Supine (Adj.)** (بے فکر، تن آسان، لاپرواہ) 1. Lying face upwards. 2. Having no interest or enthusiasm
Synonyms: Recumbent, Prostrate, Careless, Reckless
Antonyms: Vigilant, Rigorous
 1. My room-mate in the hostel has a most peculiar habit of studying for hours together while lying supine; he can stay in that position, without moving, for practically the whole day.
 2. The inhabitants of the state have become rather indifferent about the governance; they seem to supinely accept whatever decision the government makes.
- **Supplant (v)** (تبدیل کرنا) To put something in place of something else, often unfairly or improperly
Synonyms: Invert, Swap, Replace, Repudiate, Supplement, Usurp
Antonyms: Accept, Lower, Submit
 In the recent general elections, the issue of terrorism emerged as the most important issue, supplanting even the very significant issue of unemployment.

- **Supple (Adj.)** (چکدار) Of a flexible body, Bending easily and gracefully
Synonyms: Pliant, Liite, Flexible, Elastic
Antonyms: Stubborn, Stiff, Inflexible
 He's not supple enough to touch his toes by bending forwards without bending his knees.
- **Supplicate (v)** (ماڑا انداز میں کہنا) Ask humbly for something, To beg for help
Synonyms: Entreat, Beseech, Implore
Antonyms: Command
 Being out of job for nearly three months, he was forced to supplicate to his elder brother for help, something he had resolved he would never do.
- **Supposition (n)** (گمان، مفروضہ) A guess, Hypothesis, The act of supposing or guessing
Synonyms: Conjecture, Surmise
Antonyms: Certainty
 The proctor has made it clear that he is not going to take any action against anybody on the basis of mere supposition, but if he has clear evidence, the penalty for misbehaviour will be quick and harsh.
- **Suppurate (v)** (پس بڑھ جانا) To form pus
Synonyms: Fester, Decay, Discharge, Maturate, Putrefy
Antonyms: Develop, Flourish
 The battlefield portrayed a sorry picture of soldiers with suppurating wounds left untreated because of lack of medical supplies.
- **Surfeit (v & n)** (غیر معتدل سے خوراک) Stuff oneself, Indulge in excess drinking or eating. Hence, too much or more than is needed
Synonyms: Satiare, Surplus, Excess, Oversupply
Antonyms: Paucity, Dearth
 We had a bumper crop of tomatoes this year, and in the absence of significant demand, we've had a surfeit of tomatoes this year – we've been forced to sell them at half their normal price.
- **Surge (n & v)** (تھون، موج زنی) A sudden, powerful, forward movement usually of liquid
Synonyms: Torrent, Upsurge, Overflow, Inundation, Downpour
Antonyms: Ebb, Recede
 Despite strong opposition, the young soldier surged ahead into the enemy camp, dodging the opponents' bullets and simultaneously firing from his powerful gun.
- **Surly (Adj.)** (ترش، بد مزاج) Rude, Having poor manners, Ill-tempered
Synonyms: Curt, Boorish, Coarse
Antonyms: Affable, Amicable
 The contrast between the two brothers was stark: while the elder brother was gentle, polite and respectful, the younger one was uncouth, surly, and rather aloof.
- **Surmise (v & n)** (اندازہ لگانا، جائزہ خیال) To guess or reach some conclusion without having proof. Hence, such a conclusion
Synonyms: Conjecture, Supposition, Assumption
Antonyms: Reality, Certainty

From her bad temper, I could surmise that she had had another fight with her husband.

- **Surmount (v) (تغلب کرنا)** Overcome, Succeed in tackling a tough situation
Synonyms: Conquer, Outstrip, Subdue, Surpass, Vanquish, Vauld
Antonyms: Surrender, Yield
The unstinting support of his wife and other well wishers helped him surmount the difficult phase when he did not have a good job and was not earning enough.
- **Surreal (Adj.) (عجیب)** Having a strange, dreamlike, unreal quality
Synonyms: Strange, Weird, Odd, Dreamlike, Fantastic, Bizarre
Antonyms: Conventional, Average, Familiar
His paintings have a surreal quality to them – nothing seems realistic and yet they seem to depict the ups and downs of life
- **Surreptitious (Adj.) (چھپ چھپ)** Secretive, Done or acquired by stealth
Synonyms: Clandestine, Furtive, Fraudulent, Sub-Rosa, Veiled
Antonyms: Aboveboard, Authorised, Honest
In the darkness of the night, the band of thieves surreptitiously made their way into the large warehouse and stole a large number of valuable items.
- **Surrogate (Adj.) (جائزہ مقام، نائب)** Substitute, Something or someone used in place of another
Synonyms: Alternate, Ersatz, Makeshift, Replacement, Sub
Antonyms: Real, Genuine
Since she had no children of her own, she considered her sister's son as her own surrogate child.
- **Surveillance (n) (نگرانی، مراقبت)** A close watch kept on someone or something
Synonyms: Vigilance, Scrutiny, Supervision, Reconnaissance, Assessment
Antonyms: Imprudence, Temerity, Folly
His involvement in drug-dealing and other anti-social activities has forced the local police to keep him under surveillance.
- **Susceptible (Adj.) (اثر پذیر، اثر انگیز)** Easily influenced, Sensitive
Synonyms: Prone, Suave, Docile
Antonyms: Immune
Because of his susceptibility to cold and fever, we do not want him to go on the excursion as the weather would be very cold.
- **Sustenance (n) (مغاش، تان، قوت)** Means of support. Also, nourishment
Synonyms: Aliment, Bacon, Comestible, Livelihood, Subsistence
Antonyms: Deadness
Neglected by his parents, he began to increasingly depend on his friends for emotional sustenance.
- **Suture (n & v) (سلائی)** کسی زخم یا گٹھ کی کنارہ دوزی
Stitches sewn to hold the cut edges of a wound. Also, the material used in sewing
Synonyms: Joint, Seam, Stitch
Antonyms: Bandage
The doctor put eighteen sutures on the deep wound on his forehead which he got while trying to learn to ride a bicycle.

- **Supra (n) (فوق)** Person in control (esp. of a country or state)
Synonyms: Honcho, Manager, Principal, Superintendent, Supervisor
Antonyms: Apprentice, Employee, Servant, Subordinate
The dishonest king was in power for just eight months, but while in power, misused his suzerainty to the extreme and gathered as much of wealth as possible for himself.
- **Svelte (Adj.) (نرگ تمام)** Slender and graceful
Synonyms: Slim, Scrawny, Slander, Emaciated
Antonyms: Obese, Corpulent, Stout
Though they never mention it anywhere, it is an unwritten rule in the airline industry that the air hostesses have to be svelte and attractive.
- **Swaddle (v) (دھنچ پھنچانا)** To wrap tightly in many coverings
Synonyms: Swathe, Bundle, Clothe, Sheathe, Wrap
Antonyms: Unclothe, Uncover
Because it was bitterly cold and their heating was not functioning, they had to swaddle the baby in several blankets to keep her warm.
- **Swagger (v & n) (اگر کر چلنا، تن کر چلنا)** Walk or behave with aggressive overconfidence. Hence, such manner of walking
Synonyms: Saunter, Prance, Pontificate, Sashay, Sway
Antonyms: Humility, Meekness, Servility
Almost everyone in the class has been put off by his irritating swagger – his attitude will not take him very far.
- **Swank (v & n) (اگر دکھانا، لہرائے ہوئے چلنا)** To talk or behave in an overly self confident way. Hence, such talk or behaviour
Synonyms: Flamboyant, Glamorous, Ostentatious, Sumptuous
Antonyms: Modest, Poor
It was not difficult to see that underneath the swank and show of confidence, he was extremely nervous.
- **Swanky (Adj.) (چمکی)** Very fashionable or expensive
Synonyms: Lavish, Luxurious, Ostentatious, Swish
Antonyms: Modest, Poor
On her sixteenth birthday, her father, a big business tycoon, gifted her with a swanky new Porsche.
- **Swarm (v & n) (شہر کی کھیروں کا لشکر، ہجوم یا قافلے کی صورت میں کہیں جانا)** To move in a large crowd or mass
Synonyms: Throng, Multitude, Blowout, Concourse Troop
Antonyms: Retreat, Recede
A large number of admirers and fans swarmed the young actor as soon as he stepped out of the car.
- **Swarthy (Adj.) (کالے رنگ کا)** Having a dark complexion
Synonyms: Dusky, Black, Brown, Brunet, Darkish, Tawny
Antonyms: Blonde, Fair, Light
Despite her swarthy complexion, she made it to Miss Universe Contest, while all her bright-complexioned friends had to stand and watch.

- **Swathe (v)** (پٹ سے لپیٹنا) Wrap with layers of covering
Synonyms: Swaddle, Bandage, Drape, Wrap
Antonyms: Unbind, Loosen
 As soon as he was brought into the hospital, the doctors asked the nurses to swathe him in bandages as the bleeding was quite profuse.
- **Swelter (v)** (گرمی سے نڈھال اور بے ہوش ہو جانا) To be oppressed or troubled by great heat
Synonyms: Perspire, Sweat, Overheat
Antonyms: Shiver, Tremble
 The players were sweltering in the oppressive heat in the stadium; the temperature had gone up to nearly 40 degrees.
- **Swerve (v)** (مقررہ راہ سے ادھر ادھر ہو جانا) Turn sharply or suddenly to one side
Synonyms: Deviate, Dodge
 To escape being hit by the truck coming from the other side, he sharply swerved his car to the left and hit the mountain wall.
- **Swill (v)** (کھال، کھانا) 1. To wash by pouring water over or through something 2. Drink greedily and carelessly
Synonyms: Drench, Drink, Garbage, Hogwash, Rinse, Slop, Wash
Antonyms: Eat, Gobble
 1. The dentist handed me a glass of water to swill my mouth out with it.
 2. He swilled down the mug of beer in a single, large gulp.
- **Swindle (v)** (فریب دینا، دھوکا لگانا) To cheat, To get money by fraudulent means
Synonyms: Defraud, Cozen, Extortion, Hustle, Imposture, Sham
Antonyms: Benevolence, Donation, Gift
 The treasurer of the society has been accused of swindling the society out of hundreds of dollars over the past three years.
- **Swingeing (Adj.)** (بہت زوردار) Very severe in its force or intensity
Synonyms: Severe, Harmful, Punishing, Draconian, Stringent
Antonyms: Minor, Unimportant, Insignificant, Trivial
 Because of these unexpected costs, we will need to make swingeing cuts in the budget.
- **Swipe (n & v)** (زوردار ہاتھ مارنا) A forceful and sweeping stroke or blow. Also, an attack in words
Synonyms: Pilfer, Blow, Clip, Clump, Knock, Lick, Rap
Antonyms: Bestow, Give
 In his exit interview with the Personnel Manager, he took a swipe at the top management of the company for its arbitrary handling of people and not thinking about their welfare.
- **Swivel (v)** (چول چلا) To turn around quickly (as if) on a central point
Synonyms: Fulcrum, Pirouette, Pivot, Revolve, Rotate, Swing Around
Antonyms: Stare
 The company President was seated with his back to me when I entered his cabin, and as he swivelled his chair to face me, I gasped in surprise.

- **Swoon (v)** (غش کما جانا) To faint, To experience deep joy, desire etc. as if fainting
Synonyms: Collapse, Drop, Weaken
Antonyms: Build, Rise
 The powerful emotional family drama has left most traditional Indian women swooning over the TV serial.
- **Sybarite (n)** (مباحث) Person who is excessively fond of comfort and luxury
Synonyms: Hedonist, Voluptuary, Epicure, Sensualist, Extravagant
Antonyms: Austere
 I wonder where he gets the money to lead such a sybaritic lifestyle – he drives expensive cars, wears the choicest of clothes and watches, and goes to the costliest restaurants.
- **Sycophant (n)** (خوشامدی) A flatterer, A person who praises insincerely in order to get personal gains
Synonyms: Toady, Backscratcher, Bootlicker, Fawner, Flatterer
Antonyms: Disinterested, Proud, Unfriendly
 In the last one year of his tenure, the Chief Minister had been surrounded by sycophants and yes-men, and this became the main cause for his downfall.
- **Syllogism (n)** (قیاسی، ایک طرز استدلال) A reasoned argument in which there are two statements which must lead to a third statement
Synonyms: Argument, Deduction, Dialectic, Logic, Reasoning
Antonyms: Irrationality, Nonsense
 All birds lay eggs, a parrot is a bird, therefore a parrot lays eggs is an example of a syllogism.
- **Sylvan (Adj.)** (دیہاتی) Of the woods or countryside, Rural
Synonyms: Rustic, Bucolic, Idyllic, Verdant, Countryman
Antonyms: Bustling, Busy, Urban
 We spent a wonderful weekend at his farmhouse, which is situated in sylvan surroundings next to the hillock, with a small stream of water flowing nearby and lot of greenery around.
- **Symbiosis (n)** (ہم زیستی) A condition in which two living things have a mutually dependent and beneficial relationship
Synonyms: Esprit de corps, Federation, Participation, Teaming, Unity
Antonyms: Blockage, Delay, Encumbrance
 The relationship between the earthworm and the garden is symbiotic – the garden provides a home for the earthworm, while the earthworm provides manure for the garden and keeps it fertile.
- **Symmetrical (Adj.)** (متناسب) Having both sides exactly alike
Synonyms: Congruent, Balanced, Proportioned, Regular
Antonyms: Asymmetrical, Lopsided
 The beauty of the Taj Mahal is embellished by its absolute symmetry – the left side of the monument seems like a mirror image of the right.
- **Synchronise (v)** (ہم وقت ہونا) To happen at the same time or the same speed
Synonyms: Agree, Harmonise, Integrate, Match
Antonyms: Differ

The two families always synchronised their vacations so that they could go out together.

- **Syndrome (n)** (کسی بیماری کی علامت) A pattern of qualities, events etc. typical of a certain condition
Synonyms: Manifestation, Affliction, Disease, Condition, Affection, Complex
Antonyms: Healih

Executive stress is increasingly becoming a worrying syndrome for the corporate world – a large number of executives are not able to cope with the rigorous demands of a tough work life.

- **Synthesis (n)** (اتحاد، مرکب، تالیف) The combining of distinct parts into a whole
Synonyms: Integration, Amalgamation, Coalescence, Constructing, Unification
Antonyms: Division, Separation
 His latest album of fusion instrumental music is a brilliant synthesis of Classical ragas.

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST

SYNONYMS

1. **Sentient**
 (a) Unconscious
 (c) Nuance
 (b) Receptive
 (d) None of these
2. **Straddle**
 (a) Sprawl
 (c) Bootlicker
 (b) Continue
 (d) None of these
3. **Serenade**
 (a) Disregard
 (c) Frailness
 (b) Divertimento
 (d) None of these
4. **Sepulchral**
 (a) Joyful
 (c) Forlorn
 (b) Proletariat
 (d) None of these
5. **Sacerdotal**
 (a) Boring
 (c) Apostolic
 (b) Atheistic
 (d) None of these
6. **Sanctuary**
 (a) Market
 (c) Bewitching
 (b) Tabernacle
 (d) None of these
7. **Sentinel**
 (a) Sentry
 (c) Dacoit
 (b) Tranquil
 (d) None of these
8. **Spurious**
 (a) Apocryphal
 (c) Bickering
 (b) Authentic
 (d) None of these
9. **Suave**
 (a) Vanquish
 (c) Unctuous
 (b) Boorish
 (d) None of these

10. **Supple**
 (a) Stubborn
 (c) Surmise
 (b) Lithe
 (d) None of these

ANTONYMS

11. **Skulk**
 (a) Evade
 (c) Expose
 (b) Impede
 (d) None of these
12. **Staid**
 (a) Demure
 (c) Enkindle
 (b) Frivolous
 (d) None of these
13. **Scintilla**
 (a) Iota
 (c) Heap
 (b) Fisticuffs
 (d) None of these
14. **Scabrous**
 (a) Risqué
 (c) Facile
 (b) Encrusted
 (d) None of these
15. **Scrupulous**
 (a) Concord
 (c) Unscrupulous
 (b) Punctilious
 (d) None of these
16. **Shrewd**
 (a) Sagacious
 (c) Eschew
 (b) Obtuse
 (d) None of these
17. **Sparse**
 (a) Skimpy
 (c) Coruscate
 (b) Lush
 (d) None of these
18. **Stipulate**
 (a) Imply
 (c) Gratuity
 (b) Bargain
 (d) None of these
19. **Substantiate**
 (a) Tenuous
 (c) Endurance
 (b) Corroborate
 (d) None of these

ANSWERS

1.	b	2.	a	3.	b	4.	c	5.	c
6.	b	7.	a	8.	a	9.	c	10.	b
11.	c	12.	b	13.	c	14.	c	15.	c
16.	b	17.	b	18.	a	19.	a		

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- **Tacit (Adj.)** (غیر، بالواسطہ) Understood without being directly expressed
Synonyms: Implied, Allusive, Indirect, Unstated, Unvoiced
Antonyms: Explicit, Express
 The Prime Minister could not win the vote of confidence without the help of Mr. Sharif and his partymen, so it's quite certain that he had the tacit support of Mr. Sharif throughout the proceedings.
- **Taciturn (Adj.)** (کم گو، کم سخن) Silent, Reserved in speech
Synonyms: Aloof, Antisocial, Distant, Dumb, Laconic, Mum
Antonyms: Garrulous, Loquacious, Talkative
 He was a reserved and taciturn person when he had joined this institution, but within two years his transformation into an outspoken extrovert is amazing.
- **Tacky (Adj.)** (خست حال، بد مزج) 1. Slightly sticky 2. Showing poor taste or style
Synonyms: Crude, Dilapidated, Dingy, Frumpy, In rags, Unkempt
Antonyms: Elegant, Tasteful
 1. Don't touch the door, the paint on it is still tacky.
 2. The play had very poor production values : incoherent dialogues, tacky costumes, shoddy sets.
- **Tactile (Adj.)** (دائج، لمسی، محسوسات سے متعلق) Pertaining to the sense of touch. If something is tactile, it has a surface that is very attractive or pleasant to touch.
Synonyms: Material, Palpable, Physical, Solid, Tactual, Tangible
Antonyms: Intangible, Unreal
 The company has launched a newly developed exterior paint that has a very high tactile quality: when you touch a wall that has used that paint, it seems as if you are touching the soft skin of a child.
- **Taint (n & v)** (مخرَب اخلاق) 1. Spot, Trace of decay or corruption 2. Be infected or corrupted
Synonyms: Blemish, Contagion, Flaw, Infection, Shame
Antonyms: Cleanliness, Perfection
 His political image which was considered to be very clean was tainted when it was revealed that he had close links with the underworld.
- **Talisman (n)** (تعوذ، گنڈا، طلسم) 1. Charm to bring good luck and avert misfortune 2. Thing capable of working wonders
Synonyms: Amulet, Trinket, Voodoo, Magnetism
Antonyms: Banality, Triteness
 The cards were marked with talisman all along the side, as the magician showed the audience.

- **Talon (n)** (چنگ، پنجہ) Claw of bird
Synonyms: Hook, Nail
Antonyms: Feathers
 The eagle bends its pointed talons inwards while it lands on its feet and extends them outwards while claspng a prey.
- **Tangential (Adj.)** (مغرف، متجاوز) Having only an indirect connection or importance
Synonyms: Peripheral, Lateral, Divergent, Marginal, Contradictory
Antonyms: Significant, Central
 The arguments put forth against the project were rather tangential; many a times, I could not even see their link with our basic idea.
- **Tangible (Adj.)** (دائی) Able to be touched, Not elusive or visionary
Synonyms: Definite, Palpable
Antonyms: Ethereal
 There was no tangible proof against him that could account for his involvement in the murder, so he was acquitted by the court.
- **Tantalise (v)** (لپٹانا، ستانا، بھاننا، پھاننا) To tease or torment by showing something desired that is kept out of reach
Synonyms: Annoy, Beleaguer, Frustrate, Entice, Allure
Antonyms: Disenchant, Repulse
 The tantalising smell of the food being cooked in the kitchen prevented us from studying; we were eager to taste the new dish.
- **Tantamount (Adj.)** (تدرؤیت، طاقت) Having the same value
Synonyms: Equivalent, Synonymous, Identical, Corresponding
Antonyms: Unequal, Different
 The judge observed that the witness's persistent refusal to answer the lawyer's questions would be tantamount to acknowledgement of guilt of the accused.
- **Tantrum (n)** (غضب، غصے کا اظہار) A sudden outburst of childish bad behaviour or temper
Synonyms: Caprice, Petulance, Animosity, Antagonism
Antonyms: Contentment, Harmony
 The child threw a tantrum the moment she entered the toy store; she would only settle for the most expensive doll on display and nothing less.
- **Tardy (adj.)** (سست، تاخیر، کمال) Slow to act or move or happen
Synonyms: Laggard, Sluggish, Lazy, Lethargic
Antonyms: Rigorous, Meticulous
 The manager was apologetic for the tardy reply to our letter and promised that such delays would never happen in future.
- **Taut (Adj.)** (تھوڑا، کسا ہوا) Stretched tight
Synonyms: Inflexible, Tense, Stiff, Tight
Antonyms: Flaccid, Limp
 Do not make the guitar strings too taut, they might break.
- **Tautological (Adj.)** (جس میں لفظی تکرار یا تکرار بہ معنی ہو) Needless repetitious
Synonyms: Echoic, Repetitious, Pleonastic, Redundant, Reiterative
Antonyms: Concise, Essential

Please revert back at the earliest is perhaps the most frequently used tautological expression in business communication; the word 'revert' implies 'back.'

- **Tawdry (Adj. & n)** (بھرا بے لطف) Showy but worthless
Synonyms: Flashy, Flaunting, Gimcrack, Meretricious, Tinsel
Antonyms: Elegant, Sophisticated, Tasteful
 Though the jewellery she wears is tawdry, she boasts of it as if it were worth a million dollars.
- **Tedious (Adj.)** (آکڑا بھرا) Boring, tiring, and uninteresting
Synonyms: Irksome, Tiresome, Exasperating, Wearisome
Antonyms: Motivating, Gratifying
 Almost all the students fell asleep after the long and tedious lecture by the Principal.
- **Temerity (n)** (امتناع اعتماد) Rashness, foolish confidence
Synonyms: Carelessness, Impertinence, Thoughtlessness, Impudence
Antonyms: Prudence, Forethought
 Though he is not experienced and has joined the office only a couple of weeks before, he has the temerity of asking for an increment in his pay.
- **Temper (v & n)** (معتدل بنانا، نرم کرنا) 1. Bring down to a desired level, Reduce, Modify 2. Habitual or temporary disposition of mind
Synonyms: Composure, Cool, Coolness, Equanimity, Moderation
Antonyms: Upset, Wrath
 1. His enthusiasm for motor racing was not tempered even after he had a bad crash in which he almost died.
 2. I was in a very bad temper because the person whom I had trusted, duped me.
- **Temperament (n)** (مزاج) Characteristic frame of mind, Disposition, Emotional excess
Synonyms: Disposition, Character, Spirit, Persona, Nature
 It greatly depends on your temperament how you react to the criticisms and praises you receive from common people.
- **Temperate (Adj.)** (معتدل، دمیما) Moderate, Self-restrained
Synonyms: Abstemious, Teetotal, Ascetic
Antonyms: Outrageous, Shocking
 He practices self-control and such temperate habits have kept him away from alcohol and other narcotics.
- **Tempestuous (Adj.)** (طوفانی) Stormy, Impassioned, Violent
Synonyms: Hysterical, Turbulent, Passionate, Emotional, Tumultuous
Antonyms: Gentle, Mild, Moderate
 The tempestuous wind caused a great destruction, with almost all the roofs blown up. She gave a tempestuous speech in the Parliament on the issue of women's lib.
- **Tempo (n)** (نقار، چال) 1. The speed at which music is or should be played 2. The rate or pattern of movement, work or activity
Synonyms: Cadence, Rhythm, Speed, Swiftness, Regularity

The real heroes present on the Titanic were the bandsmen who, in spite of being aware of their end, kept on playing the music at a fast tempo.

- **Temporal (Adj.)** (دنیاوی، زمینی) 1. Pertaining to the present life or of this world 2. Of or pertaining to or limited by time
Synonyms: Carnal, Earthly, Mundane, Physical, Sublunary, Terrestrial
Antonyms: Spiritual; Ecclesiastical
 To most people, temporal power and wealth are bigger motivations than spiritual enlightenment.
- **Temporise (v)** (ابن الوقت بننا) To act so as to gain time, to delay
Synonyms: Balk, Delay, Equivocate, Hesitate, Procrastinate
Antonyms: Dispatch, Expedite, Further
 The company management is temporising over the decision about the merger, hoping that the stock market would recover and they will be able to get a better deal if they wait.
- **Tenacious (Adj.)** (مضبوطی سے پکڑ رکھنے والا) Holding firm to a course of action, esp. in a courageous way, Not easily letting go or accepting defeat
Synonyms: Adhesive, Strongly, cohesive
Antonyms: Yielding
 By the time he was twenty six, he was caught in the tenacious grip of organising crime; he could not see any way to get out of it.
- **Tendentious (Adj.)** (میلانی، کسی خاص مقصد رجحان یا خیال کی تائید کا حامل) Expressing or supporting a particular course of action which many people disagree with
Synonyms: Opinionated, Biased, Argumentative, Prejudiced
Antonyms: Neutral, Independent
 The book was so tendentious that it changed his attitude towards life; he has not only given up bad habits but also decided to live a solitary life, away from all the comforts and miseries of the world.
- **Tenderfoot (n)** (نو تجربہ کار یا نوزاد) Inexperienced person
Synonyms: Fledgling, Greenhorn, Neophyte, Novice, Tyro
Antonyms: Mentor, Virtuoso
 The fact that he is a political tenderfoot is evident from his clumsy and sometimes inappropriate speeches.
- **Tenement (n)** (رہائشی مکان) Dwelling house, rented flat or room
Synonyms: Apartment, Flat, Chambers, Rental
 The landlord politely told her that there was no room left in his tenement to rent out to her.
- **Tenet (n)** (کوئی خیال، عقیدہ، اصول) A principle or belief held by a person, religious group, etc., esp. one that forms part of a larger system of beliefs
Synonyms: Doctrine, Dogma, Maxim, Ideology
Antonyms: Practice, Action
 The destruction of Buddhist statues by the Taliban regime in Afghanistan goes against the basic tenets of Islam, which preaches tolerance towards all religions.
- **Tensile (Adj.)** (کھینچنے والے متعلق، کھینچنے والا) Capable of being drawn out or stretched
Synonyms: Ductile, Elastic, Limber, Springy, Yielding
Antonyms: Brittle, Inflexible, Rigid

The main advantage of using cotton for making garments is its tensility, which makes it much easier to stretch than, say, wool.

- **Tentative** (Adj. & n) (عارضی، آزمائشی) 1. Done by way of trial, experimental 2. Hesitant, Not fully worked out or developed, Not definite or positive 3. Experimental proposal or theory
Synonyms: Experimental, Hesitant, Cautious, Faltering, Timid, Shy
Antonyms: Undisputable, Certain, Definite
Though they are not certain of where the trekking group should go, they have made a tentative plan for it.
- **Tenuous** (Adj.) (پتلا یا نازک، مسہین) 1. (Of something non-physical) having little meaning or strength 2. Very thin
Synonyms: Flimsy, Aerial, Attenuate, Lenient, Gossamer, Nebulous, Twiggy
Antonyms: Significant, Substantial
The connection between the novel and the movie is quite tenuous and it cannot be said that the movie is based on the novel.
- **Tenure** (n) (میعاد عہدہ) 1. Holding of an office 2. Time during which such an office is held
Synonyms: Term, Occupancy, Possession, Period, Time
As a manager, he has been very popular during his tenure in the office, so the managing director has asked him to hold the same position for another two years, giving him a raise in salary.
- **Tepid** (Adj.) (نیم گرم، دھیما یا پاگ) Lukewarm, Slightly
Synonyms: Moderate, Moderately, Lackadaisical, Indifferent, Half-hearted
Antonyms: Enthusiastic, Bubbly
He had been complaining of sore-throat for a couple of days, when his mother advised him to gargle his throat with tepid salt-water, but to make sure that the water is not too hot.
- **Termagant** (n & adj.) (زبان دراز اور لڑاکا عورت) A scolding, abusive or bullying woman
Synonyms: Quarrelsome, Amazon, Intemperate, Obstreperous, Turbulent
Antonyms: Behaved, Conforming
In the movie, Bahar Begum plays the role of a termagant old woman who picks up a fight at the smallest pretext, and this role is most unlike her kind and gentle nature in real life.
- **Termination** (n) (کسی چیز کا خاتمہ) End, Limitation
Synonyms: Cessation, Conclusion, Discontinuation, Expiry, Windup
Antonyms: Beginning, Initiation
While the bus starts from East Lahore, it terminates at Chakwal making six stops in between.
- **Terminology** (n) (کسی خاص موضوع کے متعلق الفاظ، اصطلاحات) 1. Terms used in a science or art 2. Science of proper use of terms
Synonyms: Diction, Jargon, Lingo, Locution, Nomenclature, Phraseology
Totally unfamiliar with computer terminology, she gave an utterly confused look when he asked her to click on the mouse.

- **Terrestrial** (Adj. & n) (زمینی یا پادری) Of the earth or land
Synonyms: Earthbound, Mundane, Profane, Sublunary, Unspiritual, Worldly
Antonyms: Cosmic, Heavenly, Otherworldly
Though it has four legs and behaves very much like other terrestrial animals, the hippopotamus cannot exactly be classified as a terrestrial because it prefers to spend most of its time in water.
- **Terse** (Adj.) (لکھو یا تقریر) نہایت مختصر الفاظ پر مبنی (Of a speaker or style of speaking) using as few words as possible, sometimes in a way that seems rude
Synonyms: Aphoristic, Brusque, Compendious, Elliptical, Trenchant
Antonyms: Prolix, Wordy
All these times she had been very polite and responsive to him, but her terse reply last evening made him believe that she did not want to talk to him.
- **Testator** (n) (وصیت کرنے والا) A person who has made a will
The greedy middle-aged man discouraged his father from becoming a legal testator, knowing that if the old man died intestate (without making a will), his entire property would pass on to him.
- **Testy** (Adj.) (جڑبڑ، بد مزاج) Irritable, short-tempered
Synonyms: Impatient; Touchy; Peevish
Antonyms: Patient, Pliant
I got a rather testy reply on the phone; the operator must be having a real bad day.
- **Tether** (n & v) (جانور کو کسے، درخت وغیرہ سے بانہا) 1. Rope, chain, halter by which grazing animal is confined 2. Tie with a rope
Synonyms: Binding, Fetter, Lead, Restraint
Antonyms: Unchain, Unfasten
He tethered the animal with a rope, but in the morning, he found that the animal was missing with its tether.
- **Thematic** (Adj.) (موضوعاتی) Relating to a unifying motif or idea
Synonyms: Confined, Insular, Limited, Parochial, Restricted, Sectional
Antonyms: Irrelevant, Old,
Even though it is titled a Dictionary of Music, the terms explained in it have been arranged thematically, in order of various styles of music, rather than alphabetically as is the norm in a dictionary.
- **Theocracy** (n) (ملائیت، مذہبی قائدین کی حکومت) Government run by religious leaders
Synonyms: Rule of Clergy or Priests
Antonyms: Democracy
Some of the Arab countries are totally theocratic states, where the religious leaders are in absolute command.
- **Theoretical** (Adj.) (عمل اور تجربہ کی بجائے کسی خاص موضوع کے خیالات اور قواعد پر مبنی) Concerned with knowledge but not with its practical application
Synonyms: Hypothetical, Abstract, Assumed, Quixotic
Antonyms: Practical, Real
Theoretical knowledge itself is of no use with its practical application in real life.

- **Therapeutic** (Adj. & n) (تھریپوٹک) Curative, of the healing art
Synonyms: Ameliorative, Beneficial, Curative, Salubrious
Antonyms: Damaging, Harmful
 Laughing is considered to be one of the easiest therapeutic exercises that can cure many diseases.
- **Thespian** (Adj. & n) (اڈاکار) Connected with acting and theatre. Also, a famous actor or actress with a lot of experience
Synonyms: Artist, Entertainer, Performer, Celebrity
Antonyms: Audience, Fan
 My brother is such a thespian because he never cleaned his room even though he said he would clean it 2 days ago
- **Threadbare** (Adj.) (لاسیبہ، پھانسا ہوا، پتھرنگ) 1. Having been used so much that it is no longer effective or interesting 2. Of clothes, that are torn because of being overworn
Synonyms: Damaged, Dingy, Faded, Tattered, Effete
Antonyms: Productive, Useful, Working
 1. He came up with a series of excuses for his not passing the exam - each of them more threadbare and unoriginal than the other.
- **Threnody** (n) (نوحہ، مرثیہ) A song of lamentation, A funeral song
Synonyms: Dirge, Elegy, Poem, Requiem
Antonyms: Enjoyment, Praise
 I recognising the women's song as an old traditional threnody that I had heard many years ago in my village when an old patriarch had passed away.
- **Thrifty** (Adj.) (کفایت شعار) Careful about money, Economical
Synonyms: Economical, Canny, Conserving, Parsimonious, Prudent
Antonyms: Prodigal, Extravagant, Spendthrift
 While Salman is a spendthrift and spends money in recklessly, his brother Usman is quite thrifty and spends only when it is necessary.
- **Thrive** (v) (پھلنا، پھولنا) To develop well and be healthy, strong, or successful
Synonyms: Prosper, Flourish, Burgeon, Mushroom, Prosper, Radiate
Antonyms: Wither, Fade, Fall
 All his friends considered him lucky that he had inherited a thriving business, but he was not too happy at the thought of getting something so flourishing with such ease.
- **Throes** (n) (شدید درد) Violent pain
Synonyms: Ache, Anguish, Disorder, Pang, Spasm
Antonyms: Comfort, Ease, Health
 She kept crying the whole night in the throes of pain, struggling with an arthritic attack
- **Thwart** (v, adv & adj.) (روکنا، باز رکھنا) To prevent from happening
Synonyms: Baffle, Circumvent, Crimp, Ditch, Frustrate, Impede, Trammel
Antonyms: Encourage, Forward, Help
 The untimely and unexpected rains thwarted the hopes of farmers of getting a good yield this year.

- **Timbre** (n) (آکرموسیقی یا گلوکار کی نمایاں معیاری آواز) Peculiar or distinctive character or tone
Synonyms: Accent, Beat, Inflection, Intonation, Resonance, Tonality
Antonyms: Pitch, Volume
 His cellular phone has a very distinctive timbre - you can make out that it is his phone ringing even amidst the ringing of a number of phones.
- **Timidity** (n) (بزدلی) Lack of self-confidence or courage
Synonyms: Bashfulness, Cowardice, Quiet, Reserve
Antonyms: Dauntlessness, Audacity, Boldness
 His timidity always kept him off the stage, but now he has developed enough self-confidence to participate in any program that requires him to be on the stage.
- **Timorous** (Adj.) (خوفزدہ، پریشان) Fearful, Demonstrating fear, Easily alarmed
Synonyms: Timid, Apprehensive, Fearful, Meek, Shrinking
Antonyms: Courageous, Brazen, Gutsy
 The mouse is a rather timorous creature; it rushes into its hole at the slightest hint of a disturbance.
- **Tirade** (n) (کسی طرز پر تقریر) 1. Long vehement speech esp. of censure 2. Long passage of declamation
Synonyms: Abuse, Outburst, Censure, Denunciation, Fulmination, Vituperation
Antonyms: Applause, Eulogy
 The angry looking woman rushed into the vice-chancellor's office and launched an offensive tirade against the university's unfair system of minority reservations.
- **Titanic** (Adj.) (بہت بڑا، اہم، مضبوط یا مشکل) Of great size, strength, power, strength etc.
Synonyms: Gigantic, Herculean, Colossal, Immense, Mammoth
Antonyms: Small, Teeny, Tiny
 The titanic achievements of our industrial age, are not to be lightly dismissed.
- **Titillate** (v) (بذبات میں لہلہل پیدا کرنا، دلچسپی بھارتا) To excite intentionally but only a little
Synonyms: Amuse, Entertain, Grapple, Palpate, Provoke, Tease, Thrill
Antonyms: Disenchant, Repulse
 It became a habit with them to indulge in titillating gossip every evening after their class was over.
- **Titular** (Adj. & n) (حقیقی اختیار کے بغیر کسی خاص لقب یا مرتبے کا حامل) Existing only in name; Also, of or having to do with a little
Synonyms: Nominal, So-called, Supposed
Antonyms: Actual, Real, True
 He is only a titular head of the family, but his wife holds all the real power.
- **Toady** (n & v) (جھوٹا خوشامد، جھوٹی تعریف کرنے والا) 1. A false admirer or a flatterer 2. To behave servilely to or fawn upon
Synonyms: Sycophant, Bootlicker, Brownnoser, Flatterer, Minion
Antonyms: Castigator, Critic

- He is a real toady; you will often see him flattering his boss; and the motive behind all this is to get a promotion.
- **Tome** (*n*) (کسی خاص موضوع پر ایک بڑی کتاب) A volume forming a part of a large work; Also, any book, esp. a large, heavy one
Synonyms: *Magnum Opus, Novel, Textbook, Title, Volume*
Antonyms: *Speech, Oration*
 His project report was the most voluminous tome that I had ever seen – it looked more like an encyclopaedia than a dissertation.
 - **Toothsome** (*Adj.*) (مزیدار/خودراک) Delicious, pleasant to eat
Synonyms: *Scrumptious, Ambrosial, Delightful, Luscious, Titillating*
Antonyms: *Distasteful, Unappetising, Unsavoury*
 The toothsome dishes served at the party were so appetising that even though I had been dieting, I tasted each of them one by one.
 - **Topography** (*n*) (کسی خطہ زمین کے خدوخال) Physical features of a region
 The topography of this small region varies markedly from that of the rest of the state – while most of the state is a fertile alluvial plain, this region has extreme desert-like conditions
 - **Torpid** (*Adj. & n*) (غیر سرگرم، کر بوجھ کی بنی پر) Dull and slow
Synonyms: *Lifeless; Languid, Sombre, Comatose*
Antonyms: *Vivacious, Bubbly*
 The teacher was having a difficult time explaining the concept to the students as the whole class was feeling sleepy and torpid, after staying up the previous night till late because of a class party.
 - **Torrent** (*n*) (پانی کا بڑی مقدار میں تیز بہاؤ) Rushing stream, Flood
Synonyms: *Cascade, Deluge, Flood, Flux, Inundation*
Antonyms: *Drip*
 What started as a slow trickle of inquiries soon changed into a torrent of questions, with the phone ringing every minute, making the operator very difficult to handle the queries.
 - **Torrid** (*Adj.*) (جذبات/جھنسی) بھرپور، گرم اور خشک موسم (Esp. of weather) very hot
Synonyms: *Austral, Blazing, Blistering, Heated, Parched, Tropical*
Antonyms: *Arctic, Cold, Freezing*
 They were totally exhausted after the long journey, and the torrid weather conditions did not help matters as they had been sweating all afternoon.
 - **Torsion** (*n*) (بل کھانچاؤ) Twisting, esp. of one end of body while the other end is held fixed
Synonyms: *Bend, Curlicue, Meander, Spiral, Twine*
Antonyms: *Straighten*
 The mechanic informed me that the noise in the car was coming from a slight torsion in the axle rod, and if this was not set back to its original shape without delay, the axle might break.
 - **Torso** (*n*) (سر، بازو، پاؤں کے بغیر دھڑ) Trunk of statue with head and limbs missing, human trunk
Antonyms: *Mind, Soul, Spirit*

- The police have so far been able to recover only the torso of the murdered person, and till such time that the head is also found, they are not making any guesses about the identity of the victim.
- **Tortuous** (*Adj.*) (پتھرا، بل کھانچاؤ) Full of twists or turns
Synonyms: *Anfractuious, Convoluted, Serpentine, Sinuous, Vermiculate*
Antonyms: *Direct, Straight, Untwisted*
 Instead of the direct route, he told us to take a tortuous route that took us an hour more to reach than the direct route would have taken.
 - **Totalitarian** (*Adj.*) (ہر گیزر، مطلق الحکومت) Of a regime in which no rival parties or loyalties are permitted, every citizen in such a system is subject to the power of the state, which exercises complete control over all areas of life.
Synonyms: *Absolute, Autocratic, Fascistic, Tyrannical, Undemocratic*
Antonyms: *Democratic, Egalitarian*
 The Second World War ended the fascist regimes of Germany, Italy, and Japan, but it certainly did not eliminate totalitarianism from the world as several examples in Asia and Africa have shown.
 - **Totter** (*v*) (لنگھنا) Move unsteadily, Sway
Synonyms: *Careen, Flounder, Lurch, Shimmy, Teeter, Wobble, Zigzag*
Antonyms: *Ascend, Climb*
 Being old and weak, she could not move with steady steps, but the old woman somehow tottered down the stairs when she heard a scream.
 - **Touchstone** (*n*) (کوسٹن) Standard or criterion by which something is judged
Synonyms: *Benchmark, Check, Criterion, Precedent, Yardstick*
Antonyms: *Fancy, Guess, Possibility*
 In the last ten years, the touchstone of success for a large scale business enterprise has changed from how much it has earned to what its value is in the share markets.
 - **Touchy** (*Adj.*) (دور دھج) Offended or annoyed, Too sensitive
Synonyms: *Sensitive, Irrascible, Cantankerous, Captious, Jumpy, Querulous*
Antonyms: *Calm, Easygoing*
 She's very touchy about her small height; make sure that you do not say anything that can hurt her feelings.
 - **Tousle** (*v*) (درہم برہم کرنا) Make untidy by ruffling
Synonyms: *Dishevel, Clutter, Discompose, Disorder*
Antonyms: *Groom, Renovate*
 The little boy was absolutely delighted when the President affectionately tousled his hair on his visit to the orphanage.
 - **Tout** (*v & n*) (گاہک غرضاء کرنا) 1. Pester possible customers with requests (for orders) 2. Person employed for such job
Synonyms: *Acclaim, Ballyhoo, Herald, Trumpet*
Antonyms: *Conceal, Hide*
 2. Tourists to India are repeatedly warned by their well-wishers to beware the touts in the areas of tourist interest, who can give false information without the slightest bit of remorse in order to extract money from them.

- **Toxic (Adj.) (زہریلا)** Poisonous
Synonyms: Baneful, Lethal, Pernicious, Noxious, Venal
Antonyms: Harmless, Non-Poisonous
 The chemical had such a high level of toxicity that it was advised not to use it inside a closed chamber and without proper care.
- **Tract (n) (ایک مختصر کتاب یا رسالہ)** 1. A short piece of writing, esp. on a religious or political subject 2. A large area of land
Synonyms: Amplitude, Belt, Section, Zone
Antonyms: Encyclopaedia
 The boy read the tract the minister gave him.
- **Tractable (Adj.) (مؤدب، ہمارے والا)** Submissive, Easily manageable
Synonyms: Amenable, Docile, Pliant, Yielding
Antonyms: Stubborn, Obdurate
 I was quite apprehensive about my first night as a baby-sitter, but thankfully, the little girl happened to be quite tractable and easily agreed to whatever I asked her to do.
- **Traduce (v) (بدنام کرنا)** To criticise (something or someone) very negatively, esp. to make other people think badly of them
Synonyms: Slander, Malign; Vilify; Calumniate
Antonyms: Applaud, Compliment
 The movie had been prompted with a lot of hype on television so expectations were quite high, but once it was released, it was badly traduced by the critics and described as the biggest disappointment of the year.
- **Traipse (n & v) (چلتا یا آوارہ پھرنا)** To walk laboriously or unwillingly from one place to another
Synonyms: Trudge, Hobo, Trail, Slog, Lumber, Vagrant, Wander
Antonyms: Run, Sprint
 I traipsed the whole day around the university campus, but could not find the cafeteria that my friend had talked about.
- **Trajectory (n) (خط حرکت، خط ہوائ)** The curved path that an object follows after being thrown into the air
Synonyms: Movement, Orbit, Path, Range, Route, Track, Trail
Antonyms: Deviation, Misdirection
 The natural trajectory for any object thrown into the air is a parabola, or an inverted U-shaped path.
- **Tranquillity (n) (سکون، اطمینان)** Calmness, Peace
Synonyms: Composure, Placidity, Quietness, Repose
Antonyms: Disturbance, Loudness, Turbulence
 The village was a scene of immense tranquillity and unhurriedness, far removed from the hectic and troubled pace of life in the city.
- **Transcend (v) (اوپر اٹھنا، بلندی، کمال)** To surpass, Exceed ordinary limits, To be superior in all respects
Synonyms: Beat, Eclipse, Exceed, Excel, Outdo
Antonyms: Fail, Lose
 The underlying message of the film is that love can transcend all barriers.

- **Transcribe (v) (نقل کرنا، لکھنا)** To record (something written or spoken) by writing it down
Synonyms: Decipher, Engross, Reproduce, Rewrite
Antonyms: Record
 His only job in the office was to transcribe the tape recordings of the meetings and conversations, and enter them into the database.
- **Transgression (n) (اصل موضوع سے ہٹ جانا)** Violation of a law, Sin
Synonyms: Contravention, Encroachment, Erring, Trespass
Antonyms: Good Manners, Obedience, Right
 The commander said in a loud voice that anyone who tried to transgress the orders shall be severely punished.
- **Transient (Adj. & n) (عارضی، ٹاپلندار)** 1. Passing away quickly, not lasting 2. Temporary visitor, worker etc
Synonyms: Ephemeral, Transitory, Provisional, Momentary
Antonyms: Permanent, Fixed
 Being centred around a cluster of small villages, this city has a large transient population of daily-wage workers who come to work in the city from the adjoining villages.
- **Transition (n) (نقل مکان، عبور)** Change from one place or state or act or set of circumstances to another
Synonyms: Metamorphosis, Passage, Progression, Upheaval
Antonyms: Beginning, conclusion, stagnation
 His transition from a soft spoken individual to a foul-mouthed rabble-rouser was absolute during the two years that he spent at the institute.
- **Translucent (Adj.) (نیم شفاف)** Allowing some light through so that objects can be seen through it but not very clearly
Synonyms: Crystal, Diaphanous, Glassy, Limpid, Luminous
Antonyms: Cloudy, Opaque
 Ayesha's skin has a translucent quality so that you can almost see the veins under it.
- **Transmogrify (v) (کاپا پلٹ کر دینا)** To transform usually with absurd or grotesque effect
Synonyms: Appropriate, Commute, Metamorphose, Mutate, Switch
Antonyms: Endure, Hold, Idle
 In the movie Night of the Werewolf, the transmogrification of a normal looking person to a ferocious werewolf has been shown with chilling special effects.
- **Traumatic (adj.) (چھٹ یا جراحت کا)** Pertaining to an injury caused by violence
Synonyms: Appalling, Atrocious, Daunting, Dreadful, Formidable, Ghastly
Antonyms: Calming, Comforting
 Most of the patients in the asylum are those who have witnessed traumatic events like murder and rape, which could possibly be the reason for their mental disturbance.

- **Travail** (ن و ص) (مشقت، محنت) A difficulties experienced in a particular situation
Synonyms: Trauma, Anguish, Tribulation, Woe, Drudgery, Exertion
Antonyms: Idleness, Laziness
 He narrated his travails with tears in his eyes, but I was still not convinced about his sob-stories.
- **Traverse** (v & n) (پہنا) To move or travel through (an area or a period of time)
Synonyms: Bisect, Bridge, Intersect, Perambulate, Transverse
Antonyms: Retreat, Surrender
 This reduces the amount of effort required to undertake what is without doubt the most taxing ridge traverse in the British Isles.
- **Travesty** (v & n) (بہرہ، نقل) 1. Make (person or thing) ridiculous (intentionally or not), 2. Absurd or inferior imitation. Also, mockery
Synonyms: Parody, Caricature, Pretence, Feign, Lampoon, Facade
Antonyms: Seriousness, Solemnity
 They described the court judgement as a travesty of justice, saying that the judge had almost definitely been bribed or was biased against a particular caste.
- **Trek** (v & n) (سفر کرنا) 1. To walk a long distance, usually over land such as hills, mountains or forests, 2. Such journey
Synonyms: Expedition, Odyssey, Peregrination, Travel, Trip
Antonyms: Stay
 The group decided to go trekking over the mountains covering a distance of nearly eight miles.
- **Tremulous** (Adj.) (لڑلڑا، تھرتھراتا) Trembling, Wavering, Shaking
Synonyms: Quivering, Palpitating, Shaky, Trembling, Wobbly
Antonyms: Serene, Unwavering
 His voice on the phone was tremulous as he spoke to his ex-lover after a period of nearly eight years.
- **Trenchant** (Adj.) (تیز، جوش) (of comments, policies etc) strong and effective
Synonyms: Scathing, Incisive, Acerbic, Penetrating, Sarcastic, Scornful
Antonyms: Obtuse, Stupid, Insane
 The new TV program has been a subject of trenchant criticism from all sections, so much so that its producers are considering taking it off the air and relaunching it later with some changes.
- **Trepidation** (n) (لڑش، لرزش) Fear or anxiety about what is going to happen
Synonyms: Apprehension, Consternation, Dismay, Disturbance, Excitement
Antonyms: Courage, Calmness
 Even though Usman had done his exams very well, he waited for the results in a state of trepidation; he remembered one of his friends who, in spite of doing well in the examination, had failed.
- **Tribute** (n) (خراج عقیدت) 1. Tax or money paid periodically by one state or ruler to another in acknowledgement of submission or as price of peace or protection 2. Contribution, esp. thing done, said etc, as mark of respect
Synonyms: Accolade, Applause, Encomium, Eulogy, Recognition, Salvo
Antonyms: Accusation, Blame, Criticism, Censure

By observing a two-minute silence, the entire nation paid tribute to the brave soldiers who fought courageously till their last breath and laid down their lives for the country during the war.

- **Trifling** (Adj.) (اوپ، غیر اہم) Trivial, Unimportant
Synonyms: Trivial, Insignificant, Worthless, Frivolous, Hollow
Antonyms: Important, Significant
 It is no use arguing over such a trifling matter, instead we should discuss the matters of importance and priority.
- **Trigger** (n & v) (شروع کرنے والا، گنا) 1. Movable device for releasing spring or catch and so setting mechanism in action 2. To cause (something bad) to start
Synonyms: Activate, Instigate, Generate, Prompt, Provoke
Antonyms: Check, Halt, Stop
 1. The finger prints on the gun clearly indicate that it was Alamgir who pulled the trigger and shot Ali.
 2. The ugly dispute between the two families was triggered off by a rather insignificant incident in which the dog belonging to one of the families had chased away the pet cat of the other family.
- **Trinket** (n) (انگوٹھی، چٹا) Cheap or low quality ornament, jewel etc. worn on the person
Synonyms: Bagatelle, Bead, Bibelot, Gimcrack, Whatnot
Antonyms: Diamonds
 They knew that they were not expected to buy expensive gifts for the girls, so decided to buy little fashionable trinkets to be worn as earrings.
- **Tripartite** (Adj.) (سہ طرفہ) Consisting of three parts
Synonyms: Pyramidal, Ternary, Ternate, Triangular, Trilateral
Antonyms: Bipartisan
 The three states have entered into a tripartite agreement over the sharing of the water of this river.
- **Tripe** (n) (اوچھڑی) Worthless or stupid talks, ideas, writings etc.
Synonyms: Claptrap, Twaddle, Rubbish, Baloney, Gobbledygook, Bunkum
Antonyms: Fact, Intelligibility, Sense
 His father said, "Why do you read and write such tripe? Why can't you do something useful and sensible."
- **Trite** (Adj.) (غریب، سادہ) Expressed too frequently to be interesting or seem sincere
Synonyms: Banal, Vapid, Trite, Insipid
Antonyms: Original, Genuine
 He's known for his lively and interesting speeches, so no one could imagine why his speech was so trite and dull.
- **Trivial** (Adj.) (اوپ) Unimportant, Trifling
Synonyms: Trifling, Insignificant, Worthless, Frivolous, Hollow
Antonyms: Important, Significant
 Though it was a trivial issue, they went on discussing it over and again as if their lives depended on it.

- **Troglodyte** (n) (گوش نشین، تارک الدنیا) A person who lives in a cave. Hence, any person who lives a secluded life
Synonyms: Hermit, Reclusive, Ascetic, Cave-dweller
Antonyms: Extrovert
Computer programming may be a paying profession, but it can turn you into a troglodyte being occupied with your computer the whole day and with little contact with people.
- **Troubadour** (n) (مشیقہ شاعر) Medieval romantic poet
Synonyms: Accompanist, Balladeer, Poet
Antonyms: Priest
My down-trodden spirit requires the skills of a great troubadour.
- **Trough** (n) (حوض، تاند، ٹرف) Long narrow container or vessel for holding water or feeding farm animals
Synonyms: Furrow, Channel, Gutter, Drain, Ditch
Antonyms: Sea, River
The farmer was annoyed to see that the trough which was usually filled with water for his oxen was filled with mud and filth.
- **Trousseau** (n) (جینز، دان کے کپڑے) Bride's collection of clothing etc. to begin married life
Synonyms: Bridal Gown, Bridal Outfit, Wedding Attire, Wedding Clothes
Coming from a poor family, the bride's trousseau comprised a few pieces of clothing, a little jewellery, and sundry items of make-up.
- **Truckle** (v & n) (طاعت کرنا، فرماں بردار ہونا) To yield or submit obsequiously
Synonyms: Cringe, Fawn, Grovel, Kowtow
Antonyms: Deter, Disgust, Repel
The meek stall owner was nearly shaking with fear, and easily truckled under the pressure applied by the interrogators revealing all that he had seen the other night.
- **Truculent** (Adj.) (تند، غرور، جنگجو) Defiant and aggressive
Synonyms: Hostile; Belligerent
Antonyms: Docile, Beleaguered
We've known him to be rather aggressive, but his truculence in that meeting was unusually severe -- he was not willing to listen to anything we had to say.
- **Trudge** (v & n) (گھٹ کر چلنا) To walk slowly with a lot of effort, esp. over a difficult surface
Synonyms: Footslog, Lumber, March, Stumble, Stump, Traipse, Tramp
Antonyms: Tiptoe, Run, Rush
We trudged along with our backpacks to the top of the hill, hoping to reach their before sunrise, so that we could get a good view.
- **Truism** (n) (مسلمہ حقیقت، ہدایت) Self-evident or indisputable truth
Synonyms: Aphorism, Axiom, Cliché, Maxim, Flatitude, Proverb
Antonyms: Nonsense, Paradox

- While many traditional sayings like honesty is the best policy are open to debate in modern times, certain truisms such as prevention is better than cure will always hold good.
- **Truncate** (v & adj.) (چھٹا، کاٹنا) 1. Cut the top off 2. Ending abruptly as if cut from the top
Synonyms: Titivate, Abridge, Clip, Prune, Shear, Trim
Antonyms: Elongate, Stretch
Since the time was not enough and the exams were fast approaching, the teacher had to truncate the syllabus; she taught only the important lessons which covered most of the questions.
 - **Truncheon** (n) (ڈنڈا، عصا) Short, thick stick carried as a weapon
Synonyms: Weapon, Baton, Bludgeon, Stick
Antonyms: Clothes
To make sure that there is no casualty, the police are strictly ordered not to open firing, however, if the situation worsens they can disperse the crowd with tear gas or charge them with truncheons.
 - **Trundle** (n & v) (لڑھکانا) Roll along, move along heavily on wheels
Synonyms: Cradle, Crib, Davenport, Pallet, Platform
Antonyms: Chair, Bed
We trundled along the rough road in our rickety car, not knowing when we would get to the gas station.
 - **Truss** (n & v) (باندھنا، راسے سے لپیٹنا) To tie roughly and tightly with a rope to prevent from escaping
Synonyms: Fasten, Secure, Chain, Fetter, Manacle, Swathe, Yoke
Antonyms: Loose, Release, Unfasten
The robbers gagged and trussed the entire family on the bathroom floor, before escaping with the valuables.
 - **Tryst** (n & v) (ملاقات کا وعدہ) Meeting, appointment. Hence, to make or arrange a meeting or an appointment
Synonyms: Appointment, Engagement, Rendezvous, Union
Antonyms: Abstain, Stay
I had not expected her to keep her tryst with me in the park, so I was pleasantly surprised to find her waiting for me when I reached there, a good ten minutes before the appointed hour.
 - **Tumid** (Adj.) (اُبھرا ہوا، سوجا ہوا) Swollen
Synonyms: Bulging; Protruding; Tumescence
Antonyms: Shrunken
The lower portion of her left eye became badly tumid when an insect bit her last night, and the swelling just refuses to go.
 - **Tumult** (n) (غوغا، فساد، جھگڑا) Loud noise, esp. that produced by an excited crowd, or a state of confusion
Synonyms: Ado, Affray, Dither, Fracas, Fuss, Pandemonium, Upheaval
Antonyms: Repose, Calmness
As soon as it was announced that there was a bomb in the theatre, the whole crowd started running, falling over each other in a tumult of confusion and fear.

- **Turbid** (Adj.) (کدر، مائل) Muddy and cloudy (of liquids)
Synonyms: Disorderly, Anarchic, Deranged, Topsy-Turvy, Tumultuous
Antonyms: Harmonised, Normal, Ordered
 The excessive growth of algae in the pond has made its otherwise clean water turbid; it is no more suitable for any purpose other than washing.
- **Turbulence** (n) (عنف، اضطراب) State of violent agitation
Synonyms: Ado, Affray, Diher, Fracas, Tumult, Upheaval
Antonyms: Repose, Calmness
 The last hundred years of the British rule was a turbulent period in Indian history, when the struggle for independence rose to a feverish pitch and thousands of freedom fighters willingly sacrificed themselves for the sake of the country.
- **Turgid** (Adj.) (سوجا ہوا، تورم) Unnaturally puffed out; Also, pompous and bombastic, as language, style etc.
Synonyms: Swollen, Distended, Bloating, Inflated
Antonyms: Deflated, Flaccid
 The story written by him is very turgid; as soon as you read the first two pages, you feel so bored that you decide not to read it again.
- **Turmoil** (n & v) (مکمل، بکلیان) 1. State of confusion, uncertainty 2. To agitate, trouble
Synonyms: Anarchy, Uproar, Hullabaloo, Havoc, Chaos
Antonyms: Calmness, Peace
 She couldn't react, and her mind was in complete turmoil when she saw the dead-body in her bedroom; she had never seen the victim before and there was no one in the house except her six month old son.
- **Turncoat** (n) (نہارا، مائن الوقت) Traitor, Deserter
Synonyms: Collaborator, Fifth columnist, Apostate, Quisling, Tattletale
Antonyms: Loyal, Faithful
 The Party President has surprised everyone by announcing that their party will not accept as its member a turncoat from another political party.
- **Turpitude** (n) (کینکلی) Wickedness
Synonyms: Vileness, Depravity
Antonyms: Probity
 A story of utter moral turpitude has come to light in the Indian state of Bihar, where a landlord held a poor peasant as a prisoner in a small hut, keeping him chained to a wall all the time.
- **Tussle** (n & v) (جھگڑنا، ہاتھ پائی کرنا) Dispute, A strong argument
Synonyms: Brawl, Combat, Donnybrook, Encounter, Grind
Antonyms: Peace, Harmony
 After a long tussle between the former husband and wife over the custody of the child, the court finally decided to grant the custody to the mother.
- **Tutelage** (n) (سرپرستی، رہنمائی) Advice or teaching about how to do something
Synonyms: Auspices, Aegis, Sponsorship, Patronage, Support
Antonyms: Subordination

- Newton made a series of six voyages under his father's tutelage between 1736 and 1742.
- **Tycoon** (n) (غیر محض، بہت پاتل) Wealthy leader
Synonyms: Magnate, Mogul, Industrialist, Entrepreneur
Antonyms: Unfortunate, Poor
 Though he has now become a business tycoon and has all the comforts of life, he still remembers the day he used to sell tobacco in the streets and lived hand to mouth.
- **Typhoon** (n) (گولا، گردہ) A violent wind which has a circular movement
Synonyms: Storm, Cyclone, Tornado, Hurricane
Antonyms: Flood
 The meteorological department has sent out a warning to all fishermen about the possibility of a typhoon hitting the shore within the next 48 hours.
- **Tyranny** (n) (ظلم، استبداد) Despotism or cruel exercise of power, Oppression
Synonyms: Oppression, Autocracy, Vindictiveness, Subjugation, Coercion
Antonyms: Kindness, Benefaction
 Unable to bear the tyrannical rules and regulations at the hostel, young Vivian thought of escaping in the dark of the night.
- **Tyro** (n) (نواآموز، مبتدی) A beginner, novice
Synonyms: Neophyte, Fledgling, Novice, Greenhorn
Antonyms: Expert, Virtuoso
 They considered him too much of a tyro to be entrusted with such a crucial task, but he surprised them by thinking of a plan which none of them had thought of despite their vast experience.
- **Transmute** (v) (تبدیل کرنا) Change, Convert to something different and better
Synonyms: Commute, Interchange, Modify, Mutate, Remodel, Renovate
Antonyms: Maintain, Preserve
 The shabby village that I had left nearly ten years ago for greener pastures had totally transmuted itself into a magnificent little town, with all the amenities that one can hope for.
- **Transparent** (Adj.) (شفاف) Permitting light to pass through freely
Synonyms: Limpid, Permeable, Translucent, Virreous
Antonyms: Opaque, Muddy
 The bag she was carrying was literally transparent; you could clearly see everything kept in it, without even opening it.
- **Trappings** (n) (آرائشی سازد سامان) All the things that are part of or are typical of a particular job, situation or event
Synonyms: Paraphernalia, Equipment, Accoutrements, Stuff
 As a retired army general, he was still entitled to all the trappings of his former position, which included a chauffeur-driven car and bodyguards.
- **Treatise** (n) (مقالہ، رسالہ) Literary composition dealing more or less systematically with definite subject
Synonyms: Book, Commentary, Memoir, Pamphlet, Paper
Antonyms: Speech, Rhetoric

He is in the process of writing a treatise on criminal law in six volumes, and he says that when it is complete, it will be the most comprehensive work on the Indian judicial system.

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST

SYNONYMS

1. Taciturn
 - (a) Garrulous
 - (c) Sophisticated
2. Truckle
 - (a) Kowtow
 - (c) Oration
3. Temerity
 - (a) Forethought
 - (c) Thoughtlessness
4. Tripartite
 - (a) Bipartisan
 - (c) Trilateral
5. Turbid
 - (a) Harmonised
 - (c) Baton
6. Tout
 - (a) Ballyhoo
 - (c) Surmise
7. Transgression
 - (a) Stubborn
 - (c) Decipher
8. Tangible
 - (a) Palpable
 - (c) Peripheral
9. Tepid
 - (a) Lackadaisical
 - (c) Occupancy
10. Thwart
 - (a) Encourage
 - (c) Bashfulness

ANTONYMS

11. Tyro
 - (a) Virtuoso
 - (c) Dispatch
12. Temporal
 - (a) Ecclesiastical
 - (c) Tribulation

13. Troubadour
 - (a) Balladeer
 - (c) Priest
14. Toxic
 - (a) Mephitic
 - (c) Herald
15. Translucent
 - (a) Opaque
 - (c) Unblurred
16. Truncate
 - (a) Tranquil
 - (c) Prune
17. Tyranny
 - (a) Vindictiveness
 - (c) Hurricane
18. Tenacious
 - (a) Adhesive
 - (c) Yielding
19. Threadbare
 - (a) Productive
 - (c) Ameliorative
20. Titillate
 - (a) Grapple
 - (c) Scrumptious

- (b) Intelligibility
- (d) None of these
- (b) Harmless
- (d) None of these
- (b) Deliberate
- (d) None of these
- (b) Elongate
- (d) None of these
- (b) Benefaction
- (d) None of these
- (b) Cadence
- (d) None of these
- (b) Tattered
- (d) None of these
- (b) Disenchant
- (d) None of these

ANSWERS

1.	b	2.	a	3.	c	4.	c	5.	b
6.	a	7.	b	8.	a	9.	a	10.	b
11.	a	12.	a	13.	c	14.	b	15.	a
16.	b	17.	b	18.	c	19.	a	20.	b

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- **Ubiquitous (Adj.)** (حاضر، سب جگہ پھیلا ہوا) Existing or being everywhere at the same time
Synonyms: All-Over, Everywhere, Omnipresent, Pervasive, Universal
Antonyms: Rare, Scarce
 Foreign tourists to India are constantly pestered by the ubiquitous commission agents, ever willing to escort them to a hotel or a tourist spot where they get a commission.
- **Uterior (Adj.)** (درپردہ، مخفی) Hidden or kept secret
Synonyms: Shrouded, Obscured, Cryptic, Enigmatic, Unsaid
Antonyms: Expressed, Overt, Public
 The reason he wants to join us, he says, is to help us, but we suspect he may be having some ulterior motive behind this.
- **Ultimate (Adj.)** (قطعی، حتمی) Final, Beyond which no other exists or is possible
Synonyms: Final, Conclusive, Eventual
Antonyms: Incipient
 Though he has been acting in serials and commercial advertisements for many years, his ultimate aim is to become a superstar on the big screen.
- **Ululate (v)** (بھونکنا، تیز و تند آواز سے آواز دینا کرنا) To howl as a dog or a wolf, To wail
Synonyms: Bawl, Blubber, Clamour, Moan, Scream, Whimper, Yowl
Antonyms: Whisper
 The wild ululation of a pack of wolves suddenly broke the silence of the night, and we were scared out of our wits.
- **Umbrage (n)** (برہمی، غمخشی) To feel upset or annoyed usually because you feel that someone has been rude or shown a lack of respect to you
Synonyms: Grudge, Vexation, Pique
Antonyms: Happiness, Pleasure
 I'd never expected that she would take umbrage to what I thought were such harmless remarks.
- **Unaccountable (adj.)** (بلا دلیل، غیر جواب دہ) That cannot be explained, Unreasonable or mysterious
Synonyms: Inexplicable, Puzzling, Unfathomable, Baffling, Peculiar
Antonyms: Accountable, Easy, Clear
 For some unaccountable reason, he has never been nabbed by the police despite such clear cut evidence against him.
- **Unanimity (n)** (ایم آہنگی) Complete agreement
Synonyms: Concord, Consensus, Harmony, Agreement
Antonyms: Discord, Animosity
 The council of ministers was in complete unanimity about the need for the imposition of emergency, but the president would have none of it.

- **Unassailable (Adj.)** (جس پر حملہ نہ ہو سکے) That which is not subject to question, or attack
Synonyms: Invincible, Impregnable
Antonyms: Fallacious
 With sixteen victories in a row, the Australian cricket team was looking quite unassailable, but they were finally vanquished at the hands of the West Indies, considered absolute underdogs.
- **Unassuming (Adj.)** (سیدھا سادا) Not showing a wish to be noticed or given special treatment
Synonyms: Unblushing, Unsophisticated, Banal
Antonyms: Sophisticated, Immodest
 In spite of being the best actor, he likes spending time with common people; people love him for his unassuming nature.
- **Unbridled (Adj.)** (سے لگام) Not controlled and too active
Synonyms: Riotous, Violent, Mutinous, Vicious
Antonyms: Restrained, Calm
 1. Though he is pure at heart, his unbridled tongue has often involved him in quarrels.
 2. His unbridled lust for money has made him so satanic that he can even cut someone's throat for the sake of money.
- **Uncanny (Adj.)** (ہراسراں) Seemingly supernatural or mysterious
Synonyms: Grotesque, Freakish, Inexplicable
Antonyms: Wary
 Though the two of them had always lived in separate continents, Derek in New Zealand had an uncanny resemblance with my cousin Asim, who lives in Pakistan.
- **Unconscionable (Adj.)** (غلاف نہیں) Unreasonable in degree or amount
Synonyms: Amoral, Barbarous, Unscrupulous, Wanton
Antonyms: Good, Moral, Principled
 Though I had written to him long back and asked him to reply soon, he took an unconscionable time to reply me.
- **Uncouth (Adj.)** (ارباب و آداب سے نا آشنا، گتوار) Not having good manners, Awkward or impolite in speech and behaviour
Synonyms: Discourteous, Discomfited, Uncultured, clumsy
Antonyms: Graceful, Sophisticated
 He was an uncouth young man when he first came to the town, but he has become so sophisticated in last four years that no one can ever imagine that he hails from a village.
- **Unctuous (Adj.)** (چٹنا خوشامدی) Full of unpleasantly insincere kindness, interest etc.
Synonyms: Obsequious, Toadying, Sycophantic, Submissive
Antonyms: Apathetic, Indifferent
 Most people at the funeral were overflowing with unctuous sympathy for the young widow, except for a few friends of hers whose grief appeared genuine.

- **Underlying (Adj.)** (نیچے کی چیز کے تلے رکھا ہوا) Fundamental, the basis of
Synonyms: Fundamental, Principal, Primary, Causal, Core
Antonyms: Secondary, Unimportant
 The underlying principle behind learning new words is to develop an interest in vocabulary, and ultimately a passion for words.
- **Undermine (v)** (تباہ و برباد کر دینا) Injure person's reputation, influence etc
Synonyms: Incapacitate, Debilitate, Defame, Injure, Hamper
Antonyms: Strengthen, Undergird, Bolster
 Sara's ability as a singer has often been undermined because of her more successful sister, though many people now feel that Sara has always been more gifted of the two.
- **Underscore (n & v)** (زور دینا، نمایاں کرنا) Emphasise
Synonyms: Underline, Emphasize, Accent, Caption, Highlight, Indicate
Antonyms: Disparage, Ridicule, Minimise
 The detection of a virus in the computer has underscored the importance of keeping proper back-ups of all important files.
- **Undulating (Adj.)** (لہو لہو کرتا ہوا) Moving with a wavelike motion
Synonyms: Billow, Oscillate, Ripple, Surge, Wave, Wobble
Antonyms: Persist, Remain, Stay
 For miles on end, all that the eyes could see were the undulating sand dunes.
- **Unearth (v)** (کھودنا، دریافت کرنا) Dig up, Discover something, Bring to light
Synonyms: Ascertain, Determine, Excavate, Exhume
Antonyms: Hide, Conceal
 The only person who could unearth the secret of Tahir's involvement in the Safdar's murder case was Ashraf, who was once a very good friend of Tahir.
- **Unequivocal (Adj.)** (غیر مبہم، بالکل واضح) Completely clear, Allowing no possibility of doubt
Synonyms: explicit, Evident, Obvious, Manifest
Antonyms: Ambiguous, Equivocal, Indefinite
 The sales boy tried to persuade the old man to buy goods from him, but had to give up when the old man told him unequivocally that he would not buy anything from him.
- **Unerringly (Adv)** (بے خطا طریقے سے) Without failing, esp. while hitting something or reaching the right point
Synonyms: Infallibly, Faithfully, Methodically, Scrupulously, Wholly
Antonyms: Inaccurately, Inexactly
 He was awarded the Best Shooter award for his unerring aim by which he repeatedly hit the centre of the target.
- **Unexceptionable (Adj.)** (تشبیہ سے دورا) Beyond criticism, that with which no fault can be found
Synonyms: Immutable, Unspoiled, Errorless, Impeccable, Spruce, Unsullied
Antonyms: Dirty, Filthy, Unsterile
 The principal remarked that her presentation was flawless and quite unexceptionable; there was nothing in it which could be subject to a questioning.

- **Unfettered (Adj.)** (بیلوں اور جھکڑیوں سے آزاد کیا ہوا) Not limited by rules or any other people's suffering
Synonyms: Emancipated, Liberated, Unshackled, Unleashed
Antonyms: Fettered, Hampered
 The batsman's flamboyant innings was quite unfettered of the rule book of cricketing shots; many of the shots he played were quite innovative.
- **Unflappable (Adj.)** (مشکل حالت میں ہر سکون رہنے کے قابل) Remaining calm in a crisis
Synonyms: Composed, Imperturbable, Nonchalant, Unruffled
Antonyms: Disconcerted, Nervous, Worried
 Even while the crew members were running for their lives, the captain remained unflappable in his cabin, thinking of an alternative.
- **Unfrock (v)** (فراک یا چوٹے سے محروم کر دینا) To strip a priest or minister of church authority
Synonyms: Bounce, Chuck, Demote, Impeach, Subvert, Uncrown
Antonyms: Employ, Engage, Hire
 The minister was unfrocked in public for his involvement in the scandal.
- **Ungainly (Adj.)** (بے ہنگم، بھدا) Not graceful, Awkward in movement
Synonyms: Uncouth, Unwieldy, Lubberly, Lumpish
Antonyms: Graceful, Elegant, Charming
 His wife keeps chiding him for his awkward and ungainly gait, but he is not in the least bothered.
- **Unguent (n)** (مرہم، لپ) Soft substance used as a lubricant or oil
Synonyms: Emollient, Balm, Lotion, Ointment
Antonyms: Pills, Tablets
 To protect her skin from the chilling effect of the wind, she was advised to use a moisturizing unguent on her face.
- **Unhinged (Adj.)** (غیر مستحکم، متذبذب میں مبتلا) Mentally unsettled or unbalanced
Synonyms: Demented, Batty, Berserk, Wobbling, Lunatic
Antonyms: Composed, Sane, Stable
 He was terribly unhinged by the ship wreck, all the members of his family were travelling by it and none of them could survive.
- **Uniformity (n)** (یکسانیت) Sameness
Synonyms: Accord, Monotony, Agreement, Amity, Unity
Antonyms: Disagreement, Discord
 The uniformity of the articles clearly indicates that they are made by the same craftsman, no one could make out even a small variation between any two of them.
- **Unimpeachable (Adj.)** (مثالی، بے دارغ) Blameless and exemplary
Synonyms: Irrefutable, Unassailable, Faultless, Impeccable
Antonyms: Culpable, Impeachable, Reproachable
 Though the evidence comes from an unimpeachable source, the matter needs to be looked into again for more proof.

- **Uninhibited (Adj.)** (بے ہاک) Free in one's behaviour and feelings, Without embarrassment or too much control
Synonyms: Audacious, Candid, Footloose, Instinctive, Liberated, Spontaneous
Antonyms: Inhibited, Modest, Shy
 It was among the most uninhibited discussions on the topic that has ever been seen on TV.
- **Unique (Adj. & n)** (منفرد) Being the only one of its kind
Synonyms: Extraordinary, Anomalous, Inimitable, Matchless, Unprecedented
Antonyms: Commonplace, Ordinary
 A unique feature of this cellular phone is that it can be plugged on to a laptop computer, and used to connect to the Internet even without the use of a modem.
- **Unkempt (Adj.)** (میلانگنا) Uncared for in appearance
Synonyms: Dishevelled, Coarse, Grungy, Rumbled, Scruffy, Vulgar
Antonyms: Shipshape, Neat, Trim, Titled
 It was ten in the morning when I reached his place and met him; he looked so unkempt that I could make out that he had just got out of bed.
- **Unmitigated (adj.)** (ناتقابل تیریم) (Esp. of something bad or unsuccessful) total, esp. lacking any good or positive points
Synonyms: Absolute, Oppressive, Unalleviated
Antonyms: Imperfect, Mixed
 The much publicized comeback film of the superstar proved to be an unmitigated disaster at the box office.
- **Unobtrusive (adj.)** (خاموش، محتاط) Unobjectionable
Synonyms: Inconspicuous, Modest, Restrained, Subdued, Unpretentious
Antonyms: Flaunting, Noticeable, Obtrusive
 He tried to slip into the classroom unobtrusively without catching the attention of the lecturer, but was not successful in his intentions.
- **Unprecedented (Adj.)** (بے نظیر، بے مثال) Never having happened before
Synonyms: Unique, Aberrant, Anomalous, Prodigious, Unusual
Antonyms: Known, Unexceptional, Unremarkable, Usual
 The judge said in his final analysis that the judgement he had just delivered was unprecedented in his long legal career, and that he had never come across a case as complex as this one.
- **Unravel (v)** (عل کرنا) To solve
Synonyms: Resolve, Render, Disclose, Resolve
Antonyms: Complicate, Question
 No one has so far been able to unravel the mystery of 'Bermuda Triangle' in the Atlantic Ocean, under the influence of which anything that comes, sinks to the bottom.
- **Unrequited (Adj.)** (غیر متکسر محبت، یک طرفہ) Not reciprocated
Synonyms: Unanswered, Unreturned, Useless, Vain, Wretched
Synonyms: Contented, Grateful, Rewarded

- He had helped her on several occasions before, and his favours had always gone unrequited -- she had not even bothered to thank him.
- **Unruly (Adj.)** (بے قانون، بے قابو) Not easily controlled or disciplined
Synonyms: Riotous, Unbridled, Rebellious
Antonyms: Amenable, Gentle
 It was not possible for the nurse alone to control the unruly patient; he behaved in such an uncontrolled manner that she had to take help of two other nurses in order to give him an injection.
 - **Unscathed (Adj.)** (بے زخم نہ آئے ہوں) Without suffering any injury
Synonyms: Sound, Unharmed, Uninjured, Intact
Antonyms: Wounded, Harmed
 We were surprised to see that even after the head-to-head collision between a car and a van, the driver of the van died on the spot while the car driver came out unscathed.
 - **Unightly (Adj.)** (بد زیب، بھدا، بد نما) Unpleasing to the sight
Synonyms: Hideous, Deformed, Horrid, Lacklustre, Ugly, Unattractive
Antonyms: Attractive, Charming, Gorgeous
 Though she has the attractive features and good communication skills, the reason she could never be a model is an unsightly scar on her left cheek.
 - **Untenable (Adj.)** (نا مقول، لچر، کزور) (Of a position esp. in an argument) impossible to defend or show to be reasonable
Synonyms: Indefensible, Flawed, Illogical, Unsupportable
Antonyms: Supportable
 The government has already stretched to the limits the reclamation of land from the sea, any more reclamation would be untenable.
 - **Unwarranted (Adj.)** (نا جائز، غیر موزوں) Unwelcome and done without good reason
Synonyms: Flimsy, Baseless, Gratuitous, Groundless, Undue, Unjust
Antonyms: Justifiable, Reasonable, Warranted
 His unwarranted intrusion in our premises forced us to lodge a complaint against him with the local police station.
 - **Unwieldy (Adj.)** (بوجھل، بھاری، جسے مشکل سے حرکت دی جاسکے) Awkward to move or control because of its shape size or weight, bulky
Synonyms: Ponderous, Burdensome, Cumbersome, Lumbering, Onerous
Antonyms: Adroit, Convenient, Handy
 Of all the furniture, this particular piece is so unwieldy that it is just impossible to move it inside the room.
 - **Unwitting (Adj.)** (ناواقف یا بے خبر) Without knowing or planning
Synonyms: Ignorant, Oblivious, Incognisant
Antonyms: Wary, Cautious, Cagey
 He said that he sincerely regretted any inconvenience which he may unwittingly have caused.

- **Upbraid (v)** (سرزنش کرنا، نکتہ چینی کرنا) To speak angrily to (someone) because they have done something wrong
Synonyms: Denounce, Reprehend, Inculcate, Admonish
Antonyms: Eulogise, Commend, Applaud
 The senior police official upbraided all the inspectors and constables at the police station for not having maintained proper records at the station.
- **Uproarious (Adj.)** (شور و غوغا یا ہنگامے والا) Marked by commotion, Extremely funny, Very noisy
Synonyms: Turbulent, Tumultuous, Riotous
Antonyms: Solemn, Unfunny
 The Parliament was a scene of uproarious commotion when the scandal was first exposed by a group of journalists at a press conference.
- **Upshot (n)** (نتیجہ یا اختتام) Outcome, Final issue, Conclusion, General effect
Synonyms: Consequence, Result
Antonyms: Beginning
 The problem has been discussed several times but there has been no upshot of the discussions; the committee is going to hold another meeting now.
- **Uptight (Adj.)** (کسی چیز سے متعلق پریشان یا انداز) Tending to be angry and unfriendly because worried, nervous etc.
Synonyms: Anxious, Apprehensive, Cautious, Edgy, Worried
Antonyms: Calm, Collected, Cool
 She is extremely uptight about the thought of travelling alone for the first time.
- **Urbane (Adj.)** (مہذب، شائستہ) Refined or elegant in manner
Synonyms: Unctuous, Voluble, Sophisticated
Antonyms: Inept
 The urbanity in his behaviour is due to the fact that he has been brought up and taught in a royal atmosphere.
- **Usurp (v)** (غاصبانه قبضہ کرنا) Seize another's power or rank
Synonyms: Confiscate, Expropriate, Supplant, Swipe
Antonyms: Relinquish, Surrender
 It was his greed for power for which he killed his brother and usurped his kingdom.
- **Usury (n)** (سود) Lending of money at excessively high rate of interest
Synonyms: Exploitation, Stealing
Antonyms: Moderation
 The poor peasants in rural areas often became the victims of the usury of the rich money lenders, who lent the money at exorbitant rates of interest.
- **Utopia (n)** (خیالی مثالی دنیا) Imaginary place with perfect social and political system
Synonyms: Paradise, Arcadia, Eden, Dreamland, El Dorado
Antonyms: Hell, Real World, Wakefulness

The new Prime Minister clearly overreached himself when he promised in his speech to the nation that he will lead the country to Utopia during his tenure.

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST

SYNONYMS

1. **Unkempt**
 (a) Trim
 (c) Dishevelled
 (b) Circumvent
 (d) None of these
2. **Unightly**
 (a) Attractive
 (c) Bashfulness
 (b) Lacklustre
 (d) None of these
3. **Utopia**
 (a) Encourage
 (c) Paradise
 (b) Wakefulness
 (d) None of these
4. **Unexceptionable**
 (a) Filthy
 (c) Principled
 (b) Errorless
 (d) None of these
5. **Unflappable**
 (a) Imperturbable
 (c) Bashfulness
 (b) Disconcerted
 (d) None of these

ANTONYMS

6. **Ululate**
 (a) Bawl
 (c) Whisper
 (b) Yowl
 (d) None of these
7. **Upbraid**
 (a) Denounce
 (c) Vexation
 (b) Eulogise
 (d) None of these
8. **Unhinged**
 (a) Sane
 (c) Insane
 (b) Demented
 (d) None of these
9. **Ultimate**
 (a) Overt
 (c) Incipient
 (b) Unfathomable
 (d) None of these
10. **Unassuming**
 (a) Unblushing
 (c) Modest
 (b) Immodest
 (d) None of these

ANSWERS

1.	c	2.	b	3.	c	4.	b	5.	a
6.	c	7.	b	8.	a	9.	c	10.	b

V

- **Vacillate** (v) (لڙڪھڻا) To be continually changing from one opinion or feeling to another
Synonyms: Oscillate, Waver, Fluctuate
Antonyms: Resolve
 He could not make his mind up whether to take up the job, and because of this vacillation he missed a golden opportunity.
- **Vacuous** (Adj.) (بے مغز، خالی الذہن) Showing absence of thought or feeling
Synonyms: Inane, Expressionless, Dumb, Emptied, Foolish
Antonyms: Insightful, Intelligent, Prudent
 His failure in the group-discussion can be attributed to his vacuousness; he just did not know enough about the topic to speak on it.
- **Vagabond** (Adj. n & v) (آوارہ گرد) 1. Having no fixed habitation 2. A wanderer 3. Wander about
Synonyms: Nomadic, Itinerant, Mendicant, Prodigal, Transient, Wayward
Antonyms: Inhabiting, Settled
 As a social worker she decided to adopt the vagabond children living on the streets; now these children have a house and a purpose for living.
- **Vagrant** (Adj. & n) (خانہ بدوش، بے گھر) Homeless wanderer
Synonyms: Roaming, Strolling, Vagabond, Nomadic
Antonyms: Inhabiting, Settled
 A number of vagrants and drunkards frequent this side of the town after dark; it is not too safe to come here at that time.
- **Valedictory** (Adj. & n) (وداعی، رخصتی) 1. Having to do with leave-taking or farewell 2. A parting address
Synonyms: Departing, Final, Goodbye, Epilogue, Terminal
Antonyms: Greeting, Introductory, Welcoming
 In his valedictory address to the members of the society, he expressed his satisfaction as having spent a glorious two decades with the society.
- **Valid** (adj.) (درست، موثر) Logically convincing, Sound, Legally acceptable
Synonyms: Attested, Authentic, Bona Fide, Efficacious, Legitimate, Potent
Antonyms: Invalid, Unacceptable, Unsound
 Since the officer suspected that the passport was forged, he questioned the validity of the passport.
- **Valour** (n) (بہادری، شجاعت، حوصلہ) Personal courage
Synonyms: Boldness, Fearlessness, Gallantry, Heroism, Prowess, Tenacity
Antonyms: Cowardice, Weakness
 The soldier fought bravely in the battle, and in recognition of his exemplary valour in the battlefield, he was awarded Nishan-e-Haider.

- **Vanguard** (n) (پہلے والے دستے) Foremost part of army or fleet advancing or ready to do so
Synonyms: Front, Pioneer, Principal
Antonyms: Echelon, Followers, Rear
 The families who arrived this week were only the vanguard of what turned into a flood of refugees.
- **Vantage** (n) (برتری دلائے والی حالت یا مقام) 1. Position giving an advantage 2. A point of view
Synonyms: Ascendancy, Authority, Convenience, Eminence, Supremacy
Antonyms: Block, Disadvantage
 He is very selfish and least bothered about others; he does things which from his vantage-point yield him profit.
- **Vapid** (Adj.) (بے مزہ، بے لطف) Dull, Spiritless
Synonyms: Insipid, Banal, Trite, Jeune
Antonyms: Spirited, Enthusiast
 Most of the websites have a spectacular looking home page, but when it comes to content, they are absolutely vapid and unexciting.
- **Variegated** (Adj.) (رنگ برنگ) Having irregular patches of colours
Synonyms: Heterogeneous, Assorted, Diverse, Kaleidoscopic, Patched
Antonyms: Homogenous, Monotonous, Single
 While the flowers in Stubbs' garden are single coloured, the flowers in Mobin's garden are variegated with brown and green spots.
- **Veer** (v & n) (مُتَاسِت بولنا) 1. Change in direction (esp. of wind) 2. Change of direction
Synonyms: Avert, Curve, Digress, Deviate, Pivot, Swerve
Antonyms: Go Direct, Stay
 In order to save the cyclist, the car-driver sharply veered the car to the left hitting the electric pole.
- **Vehement** (Adj.) (جو شلّا، سرگرم، تیز و تند جذبات والا) Showing or caused by strong feeling
Synonyms: Ardent, Delirious, Rigorous, Furious, Vicious, Zealous
Antonyms: Apathetic, Indifferent, Impassionate
 In spite of his long and vehement speech to make people understand the plight of their country, he could not get the support of people, who had no will or feeling for freedom.
- **Velocity** (n) (رفتار، چلنے کی رفتار) Quickness or rate of motion or action
Synonyms: Speed, Pace, Acceleration, Momentum, Rapidness, Tempo
Antonyms: Slowness, Sluggishness
 The driver was driving the car at such a high velocity that he lost control over it near the corner of the road.
- **Venal** (Adj.) (غیر فروش، زبردست، زہریلا) Corrupt, capable of being bought for money or bribed
Synonyms: Corruptible, Amoral, Dishonest, Mercenary, Unscrupulous
Antonyms: Honest, Honourable, Principled

- The venality of the players has badly affected the spirit of sports; most of the players nowadays require money more than they require name, and thus cheat not only their teams but also their countries.
- **Vendetta** (n) (خاندانی دشمنی) A long and violent dispute between different people or families
Synonyms: Bickering, Enmity, Fracas, Hostility, Strife
Antonyms: Agreement, Harmony
 The vendetta between the two families continued for over two decades, before it was finally resolved because of the broadmindedness of the younger generation.
 - **Vendor** (n) (پھاری فروش) One who sells
Synonyms: Businessperson, Dealer, Hawker, Huckster, Merchant, Pitcher
Antonyms: Customer, Buyer
 Every morning when it was time for the fruit-vendor to come, the children gathered in the street with money to buy fruits from him.
 - **Veneer** (n & v) (ضلع دینا یا چھپانا) 1. Thin layer, Superficial cover 2. To cover so as to give a glossy appearance
Synonyms: Coating, Disguise, Facade, Semblance
Antonyms: Reality
 1. Everybody believed him to be a noble man, but who knew that beneath that veneer of kindness, there lied a cruel murderer.
 - **Venerable** (Adj.) (قابل احترام) Deserving high respect because of character, religious or historical importance
Synonyms: August, Dignified, Esteemed, Honourable
Antonyms: Minor, Unremarkable
 The venerable actor has been given a special lifetime achievement award for his contribution to the film industry.
 - **Venial** (Adj.) (قابل در گزر) (Fault or mistake) or slight importance and therefore forgivable
Synonyms: Pardonable, Allowable, Excusable, Trivial
Antonyms: Inexcusable, Faux pas, Unforgivable
 The judge ruled out any serious punishment for such a venial crime as of unscrewing a nut, and asked the culprit to pay for the damages and go home.
 - **Venison** (n) (ہرن کا گوشت) Deer's flesh as food
 The government has put ban on the killing of deer; getting venison, which is believed to be more delicious and nutritious than mutton, beef or chicken, has become impossible nowadays.
 - **Venom** (n) (زہر سانپ وغیرہ کا) Poisonous fluid secreted by serpents, scorpion etc
Synonyms: Poison, Hating, Acrimony, Contagion, Malice, Virulence
Antonyms: Geniality, Happiness, Sweetness
 Though the venom secreted by Cobra is highly poisonous and can kill the victim within a few minutes of biting, it also has some medicinal values. It is used for making medicines to cure snake-bite.

- **Vent** (n & v) (سوراخ جو گیس، ہوا وغیرہ کو باہر نکلنے دے) 1. A small opening, Outlet, 2. Express one's feelings (esp. unfairly)
Synonyms: Aperture, Avenue, Chimney, Duct, Opening, Orifice, Ventilator
Antonyms: Closure, Door
 The poor man tried hard the whole day but could not find a job; in the evening when he returned home, he was so frustrated that he vented his anger on his child.
- **Ventriloquist** (n) (ہونٹ ہلانے بغیر بولنے والا) Someone who can make his or her voice seem to come from another person or thing
 Wherever the ventriloquist goes, he carries his dummy puppet with him, projecting his voice onto it and making it appear as if it were talking.
- **Venturesome** (Adj.) (خطرات مول لینے پر آمادہ) Bold, ready to take risk
Synonyms: Daring, Adventurous, Audacious, Chivalrous
Antonyms: Cautious, careful
 Usman is a bold man and likes taking risks, and it is his this venturesome nature that has made him an accomplished man today.
- **Veracity** (n) (راست گوئی) Truth, Honesty
Synonyms: True, Accurate, Factual, Perfect
Antonyms: Mendacious
 With as many as three witnesses giving evidence against her, the veracity of her claim was in serious doubt.
- **Verbalise** (v) (اپنے خیالات و احساسات کو الفاظ میں بیان کرنا) Put into words
Synonyms: Articulate, Communicate, Enunciate, Mumble, Whisper
Antonyms: Bumble, Misrepresent
 Though Adnan knew who had committed the murder, but being an illiterate dumb old man, he could not verbalise it.
- **Verbatim** (Adv & adj.) (حرف بہ حرف، لفظ بہ لفظ) 1. In exactly the same words 2. Word for word
Synonyms: Exact, Precise, Literal, Letter-Perfect, Strict
Antonym: Imprecise, Lengthy
 She had an amazing memory, and could recall verbatim the conversations she had had with the principal.
- **Verbiage** (n) (بلاغت، غیر ضروری طور پر زیادہ الفاظ میں بیان کردہ) Use of many words without necessity
Synonyms: Verbosity, Prolivity, Circumlocution, Floridity, Loquacity,
Antonyms: Conciseness, Terseness
 His essay had been significantly edited, and all the verbiage was removed.
- **Verbose** (Adj.) (مشتل) (ضرورت سے زیادہ الفاظ پر مشتمل) Using or expressed in more words than are necessary
Synonyms: Prolix, Bombastic, Garrulous, Superfluous, Rambling
Antonyms: Sententious, Compensious, Brief
 Most people avoid him because of his verbosity while speaking; once he starts something, he speaks at length, using as many words as he can without even recognising the need of them.

- **Verdant (Adj.)** (سبز و شاداب) (Of grass etc) lush green coloured
Synonyms: Flourishing, Fresh, Grassy, Leafy, Lush, Verdurous
Antonyms: Dying, Faded
 The institute has a well kept, verdant lawn with lush green grass, beautiful flowers and also a small pond to add to the glorious setting.
- **Verge (n & v)** (کنارہ) 1. Extreme edge or border 2. Incline downwards or in specified direction
Synonyms: Brink, Threshold, Approach, Margin, Boundary
Antonyms: Centre
 It was only after it was discovered that the tiger was on the verge of extinction that the government has taken several steps to preserve the species.
- **Verisimilitude (n)** (حقیقی دکھائی دینے والا) Appearance of truth, Close resemblance to reality
Synonyms: Authenticity, Reliability, Plausibility, Likelihood
Antonyms: Spuriousness, Hollowness, Inaccuracy
 The verisimilitude of the wax statues at the museum of Madame Tussaud's in London is truly amazing -- the statues are so life like that many people mistake them for being real.
- **Vernacular (Adj. & n)** (مقامی زبان و غیرہ) 1. (Of language, idiom, word) of one's native country 2. The language or dialect of a country
Synonyms: Indigenous, Dialect, Patois, Argot, Lingua Franca
Antonyms: Foreign Language
 Though in the office he is a good orator and speaks pure English, the moment he joins his friends from his village, he lapses into his vernacular language.
- **Vernal (Adj.)** (بہار کا، بہار سے متعلق) Of or occurring in spring season
Synonyms: Spring-Like, Fresh, Spring, Young
Antonyms: autumnal
 Spring had just begun, and the garden was full of little buds of vernal flowers.
- **Versatile (Adj.)** (کئی مختلف کام کر لینے والا) Having many talents, Capable of working in many fields
Synonyms: Adaptable, Flexible, Resourceful, Multitalented, Factotum
Antonyms: Limited, Partial, Inadequate
 The film industry is so much crowded and competitive nowadays that only a versatile actor can stay in it; the actor must be able to show his talent in every field from acting to dancing to action.
- **Vertex (n)** (چوٹی، بلند ترین مقام) Highest point
Synonyms: Summit, Apex, Pinnacle, Apogee, Zenith
Antonyms: Base, Foundation, Support
 He decided to retire from active politics at the vertex of his political career, saying that he had no more distinctions to achieve.

- **Vertigo (n)** (چکرا جانے کی کیفیت) Condition with sensation of whirling and tendency to lose balance
Synonyms: Dizziness, Vacillation, Shakiness, Wobbliness, Wooziness
Antonyms: Consciousness
 Since she suffers from vertigo, she could not look down from the eighteenth floor of the building.
- **Verve (n)** (گرنجش) A strong feeling of life, great energy and enthusiasm
Synonyms: Vigour, Energy, Enthusiasm, Fervour
Antonyms: Inertia, Dullness
 Her performance in the play was full of great energy and verve.
- **Vestibule (n)** (ایک بڑی عمارت کا داخلہ گلی) A wide passage or small room just inside the outer door of a (public) building through which all other rooms are reached.
Synonyms: Porch, Antechamber, Doorway, Foyer, Hallway, Portico
Antonyms: Egress, Exit
 The receptionist asked me to wait in the vestibule before the official would call me in.
- **Vestige (n)** (بہاکیات) Trace, small remaining amount
Synonyms: Remains, Glimmer, Memento, Remnant, Residue, Suspicion
Antonyms: Misinformation
 There is now not even a vestige of doubt that the culprit has to be the security guard.
- **Vex (v)** (کی کوئی ناراض کرنا) Anger by slight or petty annoyance, irritate
Synonyms: Annoy, Upset, Irk, Irritate, Exasperate
Antonyms: Soothe, Appease
 This problem had been vexing me for over two weeks now, and the solution came in one sudden flash of inspiration.
- **Viable (Adj.)** (قابل عمل) Practical or workable, Capable of maintaining life
Synonyms: Applicable, Feasible, Possible, Workable
Antonyms: Impossible, Unachievable, Unpractical
 Since no seats were available in either of the two trains, the only viable alternative I had was to fly.
- **Viands (n)** (اشیائے خوردنی) Article(s) of food
Synonyms: Victuals, Chow, Edibles, Grub, Provisions, Victuals
Antonyms: Beverage, Drink
 He ate his meal sloppily, and small viands were still sticking to his moustache when he came back to the office.
- **Vicarious (Adj.)** (خیال، تصویراتی شمولیت سے سرور ہونے کا عمل) Related to the feeling of enjoyment etc. felt by a person due to his imagined participation in an experience not his own
Synonyms: Empathetic, Imagined, Indirect, Pretended, Substituted, Surrogate
Antonyms: Actual, Real
 Though Babur himself cannot play football, he gets vicarious pleasure by watching his friends playing it; had he not been a handicapped, he would have been one among them.

- **Vicissitude** (n) (حالات یا قسمت میں اپنا تک تبدیلی) Sudden, unexpected change of circumstances or luck (esp. from good to bad)
Synonyms: Alteration, Diversity, Innovation, Variation, Variety
Antonyms: Stability, Stagnation
The vicissitudes of his business life has made him a pauper; there was a time when he was known to be one of the top businessmen.
- **Vie** (v) (برتری کے لیے جنگ دو کرنا) Strive for superiority
Synonyms: Contend, Match, Strive, Struggle, Sweat
Antonyms: Abandon, Desert
With an increase in supply and subdued demand, car dealers are vying with each other to attract customers by offering huge discounts.
- **Vigilance** (n) (نگرانی) Watchfulness
Synonyms: Circumspection, Diligence, Observance, Surveillance
Antonyms: Impulsiveness, Indiscretion, Negligence
The police are after the serial killer who has killed thirty people in last two weeks; they have also asked the public to remain vigilant especially in the night, when the chances of his attack are more.
- **Vigour** (n) (طاقت جسمانی یا ذہنی) Active strength or force of mind or body
Synonyms: Vitality, Vim, Potency, Puissance
Antonyms: Languor, Enervation, Idleness
Even though he is sixty five, he possesses such a surprising vigour that he can cover a distance of five miles without even taking a short break.
- **Villify** (v) (ناخوشگوار باتوں سے کسی کو بدنام کرنا) To defame or degrade (something or someone) by saying or writing unpleasant things
Synonyms: Malign; Traduce; Denigrate; Calumniate
Antonyms: Compliment, Praise
When it was discovered that he had been operating as a spy, he was vilified in the press as being a traitor.
- **Vindicate** (v) (الزام سے بری کرنا) To clear of blame or accusation
Synonyms: Exculpate, Exonerate, Justify, Absolve, Acquit
Antonyms: Calumniate, Convict, Punish
His lodging a complaint to the police against Sheraz was a purely Irrational act but Sheraz was vindicated by the court.
- **Vindictive** (Adj.) (کینہ دہر، انتقامی) Having or showing a desire to harm someone because you think that they have harmed you
Synonyms: Malicious, Revengeful, Grim, Implacable, Merciless, Rancorous
Antonyms: Forgiving, Helpful, Nice
His lodging a complaint to the police against Brooks was a purely vindictive act, done in retaliation to the Brooke's article in the school magazine.
- **Virile** (Adj.) (طاقت اور قوت سے بھرپور) Having the full amount of strength and forceful qualities expected of a man
Synonyms: Energetic, Lusty, Reproductive, Strong, Vibrant, Vital
Antonyms: Effeminate, Impotent
Unlike his brother who is short, shy and an effeminate with girlish characters, Imran is tall, bold and virile.

- **Virtual** (Adj.) (معنوی، واقعی) For practical purpose though not in name or according to strict definition
Synonyms: Constructive, Essential, Implicit, Indirect, Potential, Pragmatic
Antonyms: Actual, Authentic, Real
He had virtually given up all hopes of finding a job in the city when he got a call from the personnel manager of the company.
- **Virtue** (n) (نیک) Goodness, Moral excellence, Good quality
Synonyms: Chastity, Ethic, Fortitude, Generosity, Morality
Antonyms: Immorality, Vice
Because of his good character, kind heart and generous nature, people often call him man of the highest virtue.
- **Virtuoso** (n) (ماہر فن، اہل خبر) Highly skilled person
Synonyms: Adept, Authority, Egghead, Genius, Pundit, Wizard
Antonyms: Amateur, Greenhorn, Tyro, Novice
It was his interest in music that brought him to Pakistan, where he learnt Sitar, and now, after fifteen years of practice, he has become a Sitar virtuoso.
- **Virulent** (Adj.) (موت نہر بلا) (Of a poison) very powerful, quick-acting, and dangerous to life or health
Synonyms: Baneful, Fatal, Malignant, Pernicious, Venomous
Antonyms: Harmless, Healthy
The latest attack by the powerful computer virus is perhaps the most virulent ever, it has the capacity to permanently damage the hard disks of the computer.
- **Visage** (n) (صورت، طبع، بھر) The face, countenance or look of a person
Synonyms: Appearance, Manifestation, Countenance, Mien
Antonyms: Hidden, Unseen
Amongst all the cheerful and smiling faces in the photograph, his grim visage stood out rather awkwardly.
- **Visceral** (Adj.) (داخلی یا اندرونی اعضائے متعلق) 1. Based on deep feeling and emotional reactions rather than on reason or thought, 2. Pertaining to the large internal organs of the human body
Synonyms: Accustomed, Congenital, Inborn, Innate, Intuitive, Rooted
Antonyms: Acquired, Deliberate
1. In the interview, the actor states that his approach to acting has always been visceral, based on what he has felt about the role, rather than intellectual.
- **Viscous** (Adj.) (لیس دار، گاڑھا) Sticky, glutinous
Synonyms: Adhesive, Clammy, Gelatinous, Gluey, Goopy, Mucilaginous
Antonyms: Watery, Liquid
As soon as the scientist poured the chemical into the beaker, the watery liquid in it became thick and viscous.
- **Visionary** (adj. & n) (صاحب کشف) A person with the ability to correctly predict how the future will unfold
Synonyms: Abstracted, Ambitious, Dreamy, Illusory
Antonyms: Practical, Real, Realistic, Unromantic

He must have been quite a visionary for having thought of a global network of computers when the Internet was totally unheard of.

- **Vital** (Adj. & n) (میتا، مت اہمیت والا) Very necessary, of the greatest importance
Synonyms: Constitutive, Fundamental, Imperative, Integral, Necessary
Antonyms: Insignificant, Trivial, Unimportant
The manager considered the support of his staff vital for the success of his project; he knew that without their cooperation he alone could not even think of it.

- **Vitiate** (v) (تاقص یا تہمیل بنانا) Impair the quality or efficiency of
Synonyms: Abate, Abrogate, Invalidate, Quash, Undo
Antonyms: Schedule, Set Up
The cordial atmosphere in the room was vitiated by an unexplained outburst of anger by one of those present, and presumably directed against the vice president of the company.

- **Vituperate** (v) (گالیاں دینا) To severely abuse in words
Synonyms: Revile, Asperse, Calumniate, Castigate, Denounce, Vilify
Antonyms: Compliment, Praise
It was totally unlike him to criticise the chairman in such vituperative words – I've always thought of him to be mild and gentle.

- **Vivacious** (Adj.) (ہشاش بھاش، سرگرم، پرجوش، شوخ) (esp. of a woman or girl) attractively full of energy and enthusiasm
Synonyms: Animate, Ebullient, Effervescent, Frolicsome, Scintillating, Zesty
Antonyms: Boring, Dispirited, Torpidity
The two sisters were in stark contrast to each other – while Shabana was vivacious and outgoing, Farzana was quiet and brooding.

- **Vociferous** (Adj.) (ہنگامہ خیز، شور) Noisy, loud and unruly
Synonyms: Boisterous, Obstreperous, Clamorous, Vehement
Antonyms: Quiet, Silent
The teacher tried her best to control the vociferous children, but they went on talking loudly and even shouting at times.

- **Vogue** (n) (مقبولیت) The popular fashion or custom at a certain time, esp. lasting time
Synonyms: Chic, Custom, Practice, Prevalence, Axiom, Trend
Antonyms: Disuse, Out
Wearing a bandanna around the head used to be in vogue at one time, now it is considered terribly old-fashioned.

- **Volatile** (Adj. & n) (متلون، کافور، منف) 1. Of a quickly changing nature, esp. easily becoming angry or dangerous 2. Such substance
Synonyms: Buoyant, Capricious, Effervescent, Lubricious, Whimsical
Antonyms: Calm, Firm, Stable, Steadfast
Immediately after the demolition of the temple, the situation in the town turned volatile, and the police had to be called in to control the angry crowd.

- **Volition** (n) (ارادہ، ارادے کی قوت) Use of one's own will in making a decision etc.
Synonyms: Choice, Conation, Discretion, Preference, Selection, Will

It was not his father who wanted him to be a doctor, he opted for this career of his own volition

- **Voluble** (Adj.) (صحیح، نہایت تیزی اور روانی سے بولنے والا) 1. (Of a person) talking a lot 2. (Of speech) expressed with many words
Synonyms: Loquacious, Articulate, Bigmouthed, Rambling, Wordy
Antonyms: Reticent, Taciturn
The UN Secretary General has volubly praised the actions taken by the government of this country to improve the lot of the disabled in the country.

- **Voluminous** (Adj.) (مخیم، دائر، کشیدہ) Consisting of many volumes, Long and detailed
Synonyms: Billowing, Capacious, Superfluous, Legion, Multifarious, Spacious
Antonyms: Little, Slight, Small, Diminutive
The aircraft has large, voluminous seats in the business class, but the ones by the time she finished her two years, she used to write home only on postcards.

- **Voluptuous** (Adj.) (شہوانی، شہوت انگیز) Gratifying the senses
Synonyms: Appealing, Delightful, Enticing, Hedonist, Sybaritic, Wanton
Antonyms: Flat, Underdeveloped
The aircraft has large, voluptuous seats in the business class, but the ones in the economy class are rather uncomfortable.

- **Voracious** (Adj.) (کھانا، خرچ، پسندیدہ) Greedy in eating
Synonyms: Covetous, Devouring, Edacious, Gluttonous, Insatiable, Ravenous
Antonyms: Quenched, Satisfied
He has a voracious appetite – he can eat alone for one meal what the four of us together eat.

- **Vortex** (n) (گرداب، بھونر، بگولا) A mass of air or water than spins around very fast and pulls objects into its empty centre
Synonyms: Whirlwind, Whirlpool, Eddy, Tourbillion
As soon as the news of their team's defeat at the hands of the underdogs came in, the entire room was sucked into a vortex of gloom.

- **Vouchsafe** (v) (عطاکرنا، ناریا، عنایت کرنا) Give or grant (something) esp. to someone considered to be less important
Synonyms: Award, Bestow, Concede, Grant, Yield
Antonyms: Refuse, Withhold
The vice principal vouchsafed the information regarding the principal's illness to all the teachers in the staff room.

- **Vulnerable** (Adj.) (کمزور، گھماں گھٹنے کے لائق) Susceptible to (physical or mental) wounds, injury
Synonyms: Assailable, Exposed, Susceptible, Unguarded, Unsafe
Antonyms: Closed, Guarded, Protected
As a child, he was a little too vulnerable to injuries, and had to visit the doctor often for treatment of cuts and wounds.

- **Vulpine** (Adj.) (مکار، مچالاک، لومڑی سے مشابہ) Crafty and cunning like a fox
Synonyms: Clever, Crafty, Cunning, Foxy, Ingenious, Tricky
Antonyms: Honest, Naive

No one in the company likes her because of her vulpine nature, she is widely known as The Fox in the organisation.

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST

SYNONYMS

1. **Venturesome**
(a) Cautious
(c) Adventurous
2. **Vertex**
(a) Fettered
(c) Foundation
3. **Virile**
(a) Lusty
(c) Pragmatic
4. **Veracity**
(a) Factual
(c) Floridity
5. **Vertigo**
(a) Consciousness
(c) Dizziness
6. **Verdant**
(a) Flourishing
(c) Faded
7. **Vagrant**
(a) Vagabond
(c) Bona Fide
8. **Vendor**
(a) Hawker
(c) Fracas
9. **Vivacious**
(a) Torpidity
(c) Prevalence
10. **Voracious**
(a) Quenched
(c) Exasperate

ANTONYMS

- (b) Mumble
(d) None of these
- (b) Pinnacle
(d) None of these
- (b) Effeminate
(d) None of these
- (b) Mendacious
(d) None of these
- (b) Innate
(d) None of these
- (b) Verdurous
(d) None of these
- (b) Inhabiting
(d) None of these
- (b) Buyer
(d) None of these
- (b) Frolicsome
(d) None of these
- (b) Gluttonous
(d) None of these

ANSWERS

1.	c	2.	b	3.	a	4.	a	5.	c
6.	b	7.	a	8.	c	9.	b	10.	b

W

- **Wile (n & v)** (بھانسا، اور غانا، سز ہر گمانا) To lure or entice someone
Synonyms: Artifice, Deception, Gimmick, Manoeuvre, Trickery
Antonyms: Truthfulness, Righteousness
It did not take long for me to see through his file, and to realise that the property agent was up to no good.
- **Wacky (Adj.)** (جھیل، سوراخی) Unusual in a pleasing and exciting or silly way
Synonyms: Crazy, Absurd, Balmy, Eccentric, Lunatic, Screwy
Antonyms: Calm, Collected, Sober
At the informal brainstorming session, the advertising agency executives came up with a number of ideas, some very practical and others absolutely wacky.
- **Waffle (v & n)** (فضول اور بلا تکان لکھنا) Talk or write meaninglessly and at great length
Synonyms: Equivocate, Waver, Change, Vacillate, Yo-Yo
Antonyms: Face, Meet
Even though the students were asked to give direct and short answers, he went on waffling on the paper.
- **Waft (v & n)** (چلے سے بہا لے جانا) Move gently by wind or waves
Synonyms: Bear, Convey, Drift, Float, Ride, Transmit
Antonyms: Direct, Guide
The rudderless boat gently wafted on the river for a few miles and then drifted into the vast sea.
- **Waif (n)** (لاوارث، بے گھر) Homeless child or animal
Synonyms: Castaway, Flotsam, Jetsam, Ragamuffin, Urchin
Antonyms: Dweller, Resident
As a social worker he decided to build a hostel to give a bed for the night to waif and strays, who themselves had no one to look after.
- **Waive (v)** (اتھاڑا لینا، دست کشی، ہٹا دینا) Give up temporarily, Yield
Synonyms: Cede, Postpone, Remit, Shelve, Yield
Antonyms: Persevere, Perpetuate, Pursue
The chief ordered his comrades to waive their arguments and do as were asked to.
- **Wallow (v & n)** (دھول یا کچڑ میں تھرتنا) Roll about in mud, water etc
Synonyms: Blunder, Flounder, Lurch, Sprawl, Totter, Welter
Antonyms: Stay Away
Immediately after the rain, the children started wallowing in the mud; when they returned home in the evening, all their clothes were in mud.
- **Wan (Adj.)** (بے رونق، پھیکا) Pale or faint (usually due to illness or fatigue)
Synonyms: Pallid, Sallow
Antonyms: Glistening, Beaming

- I can never forget the wan face of the little child looking at me out of the window with fear and longing in his eyes.
- **Wane** (v & n) (کمر ہوتا) 1. Decrease in size or splendour, 2. Lose power or vigour or importance or repute, 3. Process of waning
Synonyms: Diminish, Abate, Atrophy, Decrease
Antonyms: Improve, Rise
The magazine was at the peak of its popularity in 1999, but its popularity has now begun to wane.
 - **Wangle** (v & n) (دھڑکا، دی، چالاکی) Obtain or arrange by using trickery or scheming
Synonyms: Contrive, Engineer, Extricate, Manoeuvre, Manipulate, Wriggle
Antonyms: Achieve, Attain
I tried my best to wangle my way out of accepting the post of secretary of the committee, but the pressure from all those present was overwhelming.
 - **Wanton** (Adj., n & v) (چنپی، آزادانہ) Showing complete lack of purpose or care
Synonyms: Sportive, Whimsical, Capricious, Erratic
Antonyms: Prudish, Discreet
He was rather disturbed because of the wanton ways of his only son, who was just not willing to accept any responsibility in the family business.
 - **Warble** (v & n) (الپ کرنا) Sing, esp. with a gentle tone as certain birds do
Synonyms: Carol, Chant, Chirp, Melody, Quaver, Trill, Yodel
Antonyms: Weep, Sob
Though she doesn't have a great voice, she is very fond of singing; I often hear her warbling in the bathroom.
 - **Warped** (Adj.) (ٹوڑا، کھنکھایا، موڑا گیا) Twisted, bent
Synonyms: Distorted, Disfigured, Contort, Deform, Vitiate, Wind
Antonyms: Straighten
He has a rather warped attitude towards life; he thinks the only person he is answerable to in life is he himself.
 - **Warrant** (n & v) (قضی تہین دہانی کرنا) 1. Thing or person that authorises (person in) action, 2. Serve as warrant for, Justify
Synonyms: Accreditation, Carte Blanche, License, Sanction, Subpoena
Antonyms: Disapprove, Forbid, Prohibit
The Prime Minister has clearly said that Pakistan is not in favour of using nuclear weapon at present, but may use it if situation so warrants.
 - **Warranty** (n) (سند، تہین دہانی) Assurance by seller
Synonyms: Assurance, Guarantee, Pledge, Surety
Antonyms: Breach, Break
The washing machine comes with a warranty that covers it for all mechanical defects for a period of one year.
 - **Wary** (Adj.) (چوکس، ہشیار، محتاط) Very cautious, not completely trusting or certain
Synonyms: Cautious, Reticent, Circumspect, Provident, Watchful
Antonyms: Unwary, Negligent
Having had a bad experience with some start-up ventures, he was quite wary of saying yes to another similar offer he was getting.
- **Wastrel** (n) (شاخ کرنے والا یا فضول خرچ شخص) A good for nothing person, a person who doesn't make use of his abilities or the opportunities that are offered
Synonyms: Loner, Profligate, Spendthrift, Squanderer, Waster
Antonyms: Sophisticate, Thrifty, Miser
He had hoped that after doing an MBA his son would make a good use of his education and bring good name to his family, but his son proved to be a wastrel who, in spite of getting a lot of opportunities, did not avail of them.
 - **Waylay** (v) (راہ روکنا، راستے میں کسی کا انتظار کرنا) To wait for and stop (someone) esp. in order to attack or talk to him
Synonyms: Intercept, Ambush, Ambuscade, Prowl, Slink
Antonyms: Allow, Forward
On his way to the bank, he was waylaid by two unidentified men who tried to snatch the bag from him; but he somehow managed to overpower them, and escaped.
 - **Wean** (v) (دودھ چھڑانا) 1. To introduce (a baby or young animal) to the habit of eating ordinary food instead of mother's milk, 2. To cause to leave some habit, 3. To cause to grow up under the influence of something
Synonyms: Alienate, Antagonise, Disaffect, Separate, Sunder
Antonyms: Engage, Unite
The mother started to wean her baby when it was hardly four months old, which according to the doctors was not the proper time; the child needs at least six months of feeding on its mother's milk.
 - **Weather** (v) (کسی مشکل صورت حال یا مسئلہ سے کامیابی سے نمٹنا) To successfully deal with a difficult situation or problem
Synonyms: Endure, Acclimate, Expose, Surmount, Toughen
Antonyms: Refuse, Reject
As a small, new company, they have done well to successfully weather the economic recession.
 - **Welsh** (v, adj. & n) (قرضے یا قرض کی ادائیگی سے پہلو تہی کرنا) Avoid paying one's debts, break an agreement
Synonyms: Bamboozle, Cheat, Defraud, Fleece, Sandbag
Antonyms: Pay
None of his friends trusts him; he makes a promise one day and just welshes on it the next day.
 - **Welter** (v & n) (کسی چیز کی بڑی بے ترتیب مقدار) A large number of things, usu. unorganised
Synonyms: Wallow, Turmoil, Commotion, Grovel, Jumble
Antonyms: Calmness, Peace, Order
The report raises a welter of questions, but hardly provides any answers.
 - **Wheedle** (v) (خوشامد کے ذریعے سے ترغیب دینا) Persuade by flattery
Synonyms: Banter, Blandish, Cajole, Inveigle, Kowtow, Seduce
Antonyms: Disparage, Criticise
She knew that he was angry with her and wouldn't take her with him, but with her flattery, she managed to wheedle him into taking her to the party.

- **Wherewithal** (n) (بے ضروری ہوں) Things needed for a purpose (esp. money)
Synonyms: Assets, Finances, Means, Money, Resources, Wealth
Antonyms: Responsibilities, Liabilities
 He would like to buy a Mercedes, but being a poor man, he lacks the wherewithal for it.
- **Whet** (v & n) (تیز کرنا) 1. Sharpen or by rubbing 2. Stimulate (appetite, interest or desire) 3) Small quantity of something taken to create appetite
Synonyms: Edge, File, Grind, Hone, Sharpen, Strop
Antonyms: Blunt, Dull
 The knife was not sharp enough for the purpose, so he decided to whet it on a piece of stone before slaughtering the goat.
- **Whiff** (n & v) (دم، سانس، چھوٹکا ہوا) 1. A short-lasting smell or movement (of air, scent etc.) 2. Blow or puff lightly
Synonyms: Aroma, Draught, Flatus, Smack, Trace, Waft
 We were greeted by a whiff of fresh air as soon as we stepped out of the air-conditioned theatre.
- **Whimsical** (Adj.) (من موعی، متلون مزاج) Unusual and strange in an amusing or annoying way
Synonyms: Fantastic, Capricious, Chimerical, Dicey, Eccentric, Erratic
Antonyms: Behaving, Reasonable, Sensible
 He tried his best to make himself heard in the meeting, but everyone discarded his ideas as being impractical and whimsical.
- **Whine** (n & v) (کراہنا، رورور کرنا، اظہارِ جذبات کرنا) Long-drawn complaining cry (as) of a child or dog
Synonyms: Complaint, Cry, Gripe, Moan, Wail, Whimper
Antonyms: happiness, pleasure
 At first, nothing could be heard from underneath the rubble, but then a painful whine of a little child could clearly be heard.
- **Whinny** (v & n) (بہناتنے کی آواز) Give a gentle or joyful neigh (of a horse)
Synonyms: Acclamation, Gobble, Groan, Squeak, Vociferation
 The young horse whinnied on to the streets of the town, carefree and unconcerned.
- **Whit** (n) (نہایت خفیف مقدار) Least possible amount
Synonyms: Crumb, Drop, Fragment, Iota, Modicum, Speck, Trace
Antonyms: Lot
 Though in the opinion of common people, he must resign immediately, but he doesn't care a whit for their opinion and has never given it a thought.
- **Whittle** (v & n) (کترنا، کاٹنا) 1. Slice off pieces from, to reduce by continual and gradual process 2. Long knife esp. the one used by butchers
Synonyms: Trim, Carve, Consume, Erode, Pare, Sculpt, Undermine
Antonyms: Build, Increase
 The butcher took out his whittle, whetted it on the stone and slaughtered the animal.

- **Wilful** (Adj.) (مندی، سرکش) For which compulsion or ignorance or accident cannot be pleaded as excuse
Synonyms: Deliberate, Conscious, Malicious, Malevolent, Maleficent
Antonyms: Undeliberate, Ignorant, Innocent
 His not attending the class despite the teacher's specially telling him to do so was a wilful act of disobedience.
- **Willy-nilly** (Adv & Adj.) (خواہے خواہے نہ چاہتے ہوئے) Willingly or unwillingly
Synonyms: Ambivalent, Haphazardly, Inevitable, Perforce
Antonyms: Intentional, Methodical
 At times he makes a fuss about lending me his bike, but willy-nilly always relents.
- **Wince** (v & n) (جھرجھری، اچانک گھبراہٹ) 1. Show bodily or mental pain or distress by slight start or loss of composure 2. Roller for moving textile fabric through dyeing
Synonyms: Crucify, Excruciate, Harrow, Martyr, Writhe
Antonyms: Face, Meet
 The little child winced in pain as the doctor inserted the needle of the syringe into his soft flesh.
- **Windfall** (n) (بہاد آرد، بچکا، نعمت غیر مترقبہ) Unexpected lucky event
Synonyms: Jackpot, Profit Bonanza, Fortune, Stroke of Luck
Antonyms: Curse, Disadvantage
 Winning the lottery of a million dollars has truly come as a windfall for him; he had never thought he could ever get so rich.
- **Winkle** (n & v) (کٹانا، علیحدہ کرنا) Extract, pull out
Synonyms: Extort, Mine, Wring, Excavate
Antonyms: Incorporate, Add
 The police tried their best, but even after using third-degree torture, could not wrinkle the truth out of him.
- **Winnow** (v) (چھانچ کے ذریعے اناج سے بوسا لگ کرنا) Sift, Separate good parts from bad (in wind or air current)
Synonyms: Separate, Extract, Sieve, Sift
Antonyms: Include
 It's taken me three days to go through all the CVs that we received in response to our ad, and have winnowed down the number to a short-list of fifteen.
- **Winsome** (Adj.) (مبس، دلکش، دلریا) (Of person or his or her appearance, manner smile etc) Charming, attractive, bright
Synonyms: Charming, Absorbing, Glamorous, Rapturous, Titillating
Antonyms: Repulsive, Ugly, Unappealing
 She managed to thoroughly impress everyone at the party with her charming manner, pleasant voice, and of course, her winsome smile.
- **Wishy-washy** (Adj.) (کمزور، پچھا، بے مزا) Weak in colour, character etc; lacking in spirit
Synonyms: Ineffective, Insipid, Languid, Sapless, Vacillating, Vapid
Antonyms: Dynamic, Exciting, Interesting, Lively

They're just a group of wishy-washy individuals, having no great ambitions in life nor having any ideologies.

- **Wisp (n)** (پتلا پنہا، نرم دناڑک) A delicate or thin piece or line of something
Synonyms: Strand, Shock, Snippet, Strings, Twist
Antonyms: Beads
A wisp of grass was sticking to her hair, which he gently brushed away.
- **Wistful (Adj.)** (حسرت زدہ) Sad and longing
Synonyms: Contemplative, Desirous, Forlorn, Melancholy, Pensive, Yearning
Antonyms: Glad, Joyful
Visiting the school building after nearly twenty years brought a flood of memories, some extremely sweet and some rather wistful.
- **Wither (v)** (خشک ہونا، تپا کر جانا) 1. Make or become dry or shrivelled 2. Deprive of or lose vigour or freshness or importance
Synonyms: Languish, Shrink, Droop
Antonyms: Expand, Dilate, Unfold
Even the flowers which remain tender all year long wither in such a cold weather.
- **Withhold (v)** (روک لینا، روکنا) Refrain from putting into action
Synonyms: Abstain, Bridle, Conceal, Constrain, Repress, Reserve, Suppress
Antonyms: Furnish, Provide, Lavish
Though he had all the information about various terrorist activities, he withheld it from the police for a long time; when he revealed it, and by the time police could come into action, it was too late.
- **Withstand (v)** (مقابلہ کرنا) Stand up against, Oppose
Synonyms: Resist, Combat, Confront, Thwart, Violate
Antonyms: Yield, Surrender
Though they were sixty and the enemy had more than five hundred soldiers, they withstood the enemy's attack and continued to occupy their territory.
- **Witless (Adj.)** (تباہ، بے شعور) Foolish, Idiotic
Synonyms: Asinine, Doltish, Harebrained, Idiotic, Loony, Ludicrous
Antonyms: Astute, Cautious, Circumspect
It was extremely witless of him to let the car go without noting the registration number.
- **Witticism (n)** (طنز، مسخرے، ہنسا کا فقرہ) Witty remark
Synonyms: Gag, Gibe, Innuendo, Jocular, Quip, Remark
Antonyms: Tragedy, Sombreness
Woody Allen has a reputation for making films that are full of witticisms.
- **Wizardry (n)** (جادوگری، طہسم) The art of performing magic
Synonyms: Sorcery, Thaumaturgy, Voodoo, Abracadabra
Antonyms: Reality
Using some high class technical wizardry, computer scientists have been able to bring the long dead actor back to life on the big screen.

- **Wizened (Adj.)** (سکے ہوئے چہرے کا) Shrivelled, Wrinkled or Dried-up in appearance (chiefly of a person or his face or look)
Synonyms: Diminished, Gnarled, Lean, Macerated, Mummified
Antonyms: Moist, Smooth, Unwrinkled
Though he feels and believes himself to be a young man of twenty five, the wizened marks on his forehead, cheeks, and neck clearly indicate that he is considerably older.
- **Woe (n)** (غم، غمناکی) Deep, Inconsolable grief, Affliction, Suffering
Synonyms: Suffering, Adversity, Affliction, Bemoaning, Lamentation, Melancholy
Antonyms: Happiness, Joy
Tears ran down her cheeks as he narrated his tale of woe and misery.
- **Worldly (Adj.)** (دنیا پرست) Engrossed in matters of this earth, Not spiritual
Synonyms: Materialistic, Mundane, Sublunary, Telluric
Antonyms: Spiritual, Incorporeal
He is a man who practices spirituality in his life and does not run after wealth and other worldly comfort.
- **Wraith (n)** (جھوٹا، ہولنا، سایہ) Ghost, Spectral apparition of a living person
Synonyms: Ghost, Demon, Phantom, Spirit, Vision
Antonyms: Materiality, Physical
After the death of her husband she was psychologically disturbed for a while, imagining that the wraith of her husband was with her all the time.
- **Wrangle (v & n)** (گھڑا کرنا، غصے سے جھگڑنا) Argue or quarrel noisily
Synonyms: Brawl, Clash, Contest, Controversy, Disagreement, Dispute
Antonyms: Agreement, Peace
The property wrangle between the two brothers continued for well over a year, and it was finally settled when their elderly uncle intervened.
- **Wrath (n)** (شدید غصہ، قہر) Strong, fierce anger
Synonyms: Indignation, Fury, Resentment
Antonyms: Tranquillity, Calmness
He decided to fudge the numbers on his report card in order to escape the wrath of his father.
- **Wreath (v & n)** (پھانسی) Encircle, wind round something
Synonyms: Rotate, Scroll, Sinuate, Twine, Writhe
Antonyms: Untwist, Unwind
The atmosphere over the city is perpetually wreathed in smoke.
- **Wrench (n & v)** (ایک زوردار چپکا یا مڑو) To pull hard and often violently with a twisting or turning movement
Synonyms: Coerce, Compel, Drag, Pervert, Sprain, Squeeze, Wrest, Yank
Antonyms: Beautify, Decorate, Embellish
The big bully wrenched the box of sweets from the little child's hands, leaving him crying in distress.

- **Writhe** (v & n) (وڑنا، فملانا) Twist or roll oneself in pain
Synonyms: Agonise, Distort, Jerk, Squirm, Wince, Wriggle
Antonyms: Beautify, Straight
 It is not easy to quit drugs; I have often seen people, who try to do so, writhing on the ground in pain.
- **Wry** (Adj.) (کڑا، مزاحیہ) Finding a difficult situation amusing
Synonyms: Askew, Cynical, Ironic, Sardonic, Warped
Antonyms: Straightforward, Sombre
 The only good part about the present situation is that it could have been worse, he said with a wry smile.

X

- **Xenophobia** (n) (خوف نا آشنا، غیر ملکیوں سے نفرت) The fear of strangers
Synonyms: Animosity, Apartheid, Chauvinism
Antonyms: Regard, Respect, Tolerance
 Germany was swept with a wave of xenophobia for several years, but now that it has opened its doors to foreigners from all over the world, the situation has remarkably changed.
- **Xyloid** (Adj.) (کڑی یا کڑی سے مشابہ) Of or resembling wood
Synonyms: Arboraceous, Ligneous, Sylvan, Wooded
Antonyms: Steel
 The statue was a xyloid structure, made of the finest quality wood.

Y

- **Yank** (v) (جھکا مار کر کھانٹنا) To pull something forcefully with a quick movement
Synonyms: Draw, Hitch, Jerk, Lug, Snap, Snatch, Tear
Antonyms: Push, Drive
 He tried hard to open the door but it would not budge, so he yanked out the latch with all his force.
- **Yardstick** (n) (گز، پیمانہ معیار) A standard to judge something
Synonyms: Gauge, Basis, Criterion, Measure, Model
Antonyms: Fancy, Guess, Possibility
 If the yardstick of success is taken as a person's popularity, he would be among the most successful people in the city.
- **Yen** (n) (شدید خواہش یا آرزو) A strong desire
Synonyms: Craving, Longing, Hankering
Antonyms: Loath, Abhor, Disgust
 His yen for money is the cause of his criminal inclinations; he can do anything for money.
- **Yield** (n & v) (پیداوار، سر تسلیم خم کر دینا) 1. Amount produced; crop; income or investment, 2. Give in, surrender
Synonyms: 1. Harvest, Production, Manufacture 2. Submit, Capitulate
Antonyms: 1. Plough, Seed 2. Impede, Counter, Counteract
 Despite great pressure from the landlord to give up the occupied land, he did not yield.
- **Yoke** (n & v) (جوا) 1. Piece of timber wood to fit on an animal's shoulder 2. To unite, or couple
Synonyms: 2. Constrain, Confine, Truss, Constrict, Shackle
Antonyms: 2. Disconnect, Disjoin
 1. A bullock cart, with two oxen attached to a yoke and pulling a carriage, has been the traditional means of transport in the Indian villages for the past several decades.
 2. All these different political ideologies have somehow been yoked together to form the combined manifesto of the political alliance.
- **Yokel** (n) (دیہاتی، نیلوس کی جوڑی کو چلانے والا) A rustic person
Synonyms: Boor, Hayseed, Hick, Bumpkin, Peasant, Rustic
Antonyms: Urban, Sophisticate
 Despite coming from a sophisticated and learned family, the famed artist could even play the role of a village yokel to perfection.
- **Yore** (n) (زمانہ سابق یا قدیم، کئی سال پہلے) Of time past, In the long-forgotten days
Synonyms: Antiquity, History, Yesteryears, Past
Antonyms: Future, Present
 In the days of yore, when the postal service had not evolved and telephone had not even been dreamt of, carrier pigeons used to be a popular means of communication.

Z

- **Zany** (n & Adj) (مضحکہ خیز حرکات کرنے والا، بھلی) Crazy, Surprising or uncontrolled in an amusing way
Synonyms: Clownish, Comical, Goofy, Humorous, Madcap
Antonyms: Sane, Rational, Grim
 This advertising agency is known for its zany TV commercials, all of them one crazier than the other.
- **Zeal** (n) (شدید اشتیاق) Great enthusiasm or eagerness
Synonyms: Fervour, Determination, Eagerness, Hustle, Vehemence, Verve
Antonyms: Apathy, Indifference, Lethargy
 He prepared for the exams with a determined zeal, and it was this enthusiasm that helped him come out with flying colours.
- **Zealot** (Adj) (کسی عقیدے کا کٹر پیروکار) Having very strong opinions about something
Synonyms: Activist, Diehard, Extremist, Fanatic
Antonyms: Moderate
 The religious zealots of the country are at work again, spreading fanaticism and communal tension in the name of religion.
- **Zeitgeist** (n) (مگر احساس کا وہ عمومی رجحان جو کسی خاص زمانی مہدے مخصوص ہو) A general set of ideas, beliefs, feelings, etc. which are typical of a particular period of history
 He has caught the zeitgeist of rural life in the 1980s very well indeed.
- **Zenith** (n) (نقطہ عروج) Summit, Highest point, Point of heavens directly above observer
Synonyms: Acme, Apex, Capstone, Climax, Meridian, Vertex
Antonyms: Bottom, Nadir
 The magazine was at the zenith of its popularity in 1999, but its popularity has since then declined.
- **Zephyr** (n) (لطیف ہوا، تیس اور عمدہ معیار کی کوئی بھی شے) Soft and gentle breeze
Synonyms: Airflow, Flurry, Puff, Waft, Whiff
 It was very hot during the day, but as soon as the sunset, a cool zephyr began to blow.
- **Zombie** (n) (بے حس شخص) 1. Corpse said to be revived by witchcraft, 2. Dull or apathetic person
Synonyms: 1. Banshee, Phantom, Vampire 2. Eccentric, Oddity, Queer
Antonyms: 1. Being, Entity 2. Elegant, Charming
 1. He is always afraid of zombies.
 2. He is fit for nothing; he spends the whole day in front of TV like a zombie.

SELF ASSESSMENT TEST

SYNONYMS

1. **Wacky**
(a) Lunatic
(c) Sybaritic
2. **Willy-nilly**
(a) Excavate
(c) Methodical
3. **Withstand**
(a) Thwart
(c) Surrender
4. **Wary**
(a) Negligent
(c) Circumspect
5. **Winsome**
(a) Repulsive
(c) Malevolent
6. **Xyloid**
(a) Respect
(c) Ligneous
7. **Yen**
(a) Hankering
(c) Abhor
8. **Yoke**
(a) Underdeveloped
(c) Shackle
9. **Zombie**
(a) Elegant
(c) Diehard
10. **Zany**
(a) Clownish
(c) Extremist
- (b) Collected
(d) None of these
- (b) Haphazardly
(d) None of these
- (b) Multifarious
(d) None of these
- (b) Pledge
(d) None of these
- (b) Titillating
(d) None of these
- (b) Steel
(d) None of these
- (b) Multifarious
(d) None of these
- (b) Disjoin
(d) None of these
- (b) Banshee
(d) None of these
- (b) Sane
(d) None of these

ANTONYMS

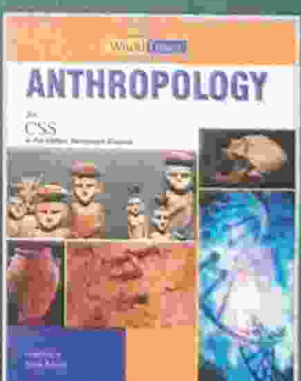
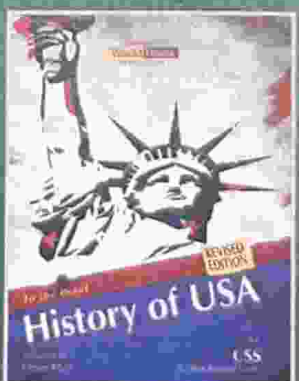
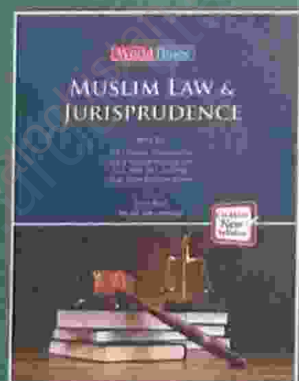
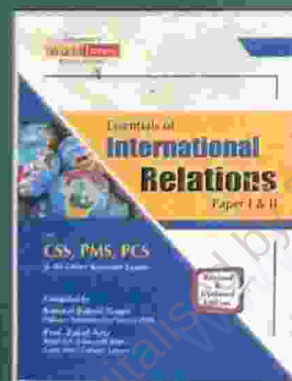
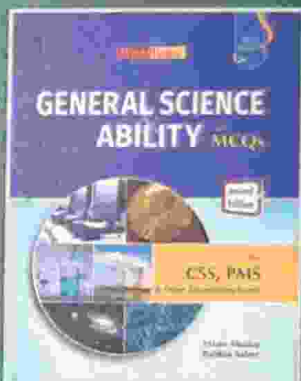
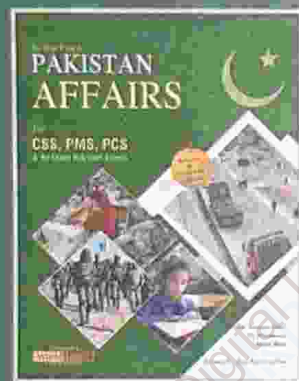
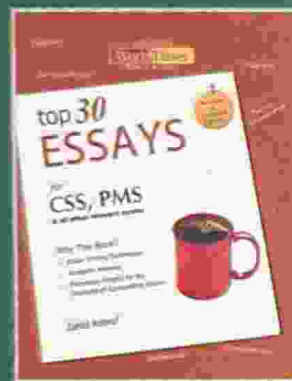
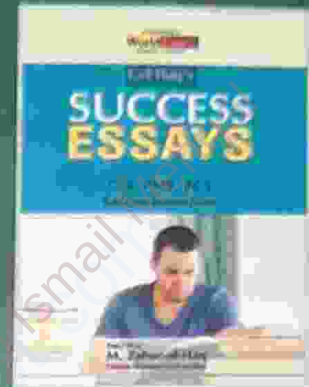
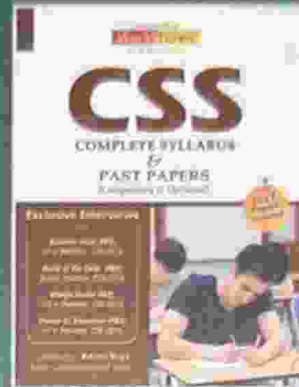
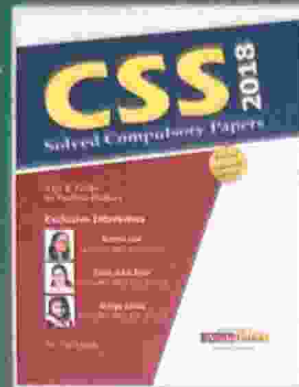
11. **Wraith**
(a) Spirit
(c) Gimmick
12. **Wastrel**
(a) Sophisticate
(c) Modicum
13. **Wrangle**
(a) Brawl
(c) Peace
- (b) Materiality
(d) None of these
- (b) Spendthrift
(d) None of these
- (b) Gluttonous
(d) None of these

14. **Wane**
(a) Diminish
(c) Exasperate
15. **Wheedle**
(a) Blandish
(c) Contingency
16. **Xenophobia**
(a) Regard
(c) Exasperate
17. **Yardstick**
(a) Quenched
(c) Criterion
18. **Yank**
(a) Push
(c) Hitch
19. **Zealot**
(a) Fiend
(c) Exasperate
20. **Zeitgeist**
(a) Whiff
(c) Apathy
- (b) Rise
(d) None of these
- (b) Disparage
(d) None of these
- (b) Chauvinism
(d) None of these
- (b) Fancy
(d) None of these
- (b) Gluttonous
(d) None of these
- (b) Moderate
(d) None of these
- (b) Acme
(d) None of these

ANSWERS

1.	a	2.	b	3.	a	4.	c	5.	b
6.	c	7.	a	8.	c	9.	b	10.	a
11.	b	12.	a	13.	c	14.	b	15.	b
16.	a	17.	b	18.	a	19.	b	20.	d

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